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SINKING OF NAZI CRUISER DESCRIBED

New York, To-day.

The American steamer "Flying Fish" has arrived here from Bergen with a dramatic story.

The ship's log describes a dawn raid by British planes when a bomb landed on a German cruiser "amidships between the two funnels."

The log states that a big explosion was heard and the cruiser capsized and sank while columns of flames and smoke rose into the air.

The "Flying Fish" was raked with machine-gun bullets during this Anglo-German battle at Bergen. — Reuter.

ALEXANDRIA PREPARED

ALEXANDRIA, TO-DAY.

ALEXANDRIA, NOW STRATEGICALLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN MALTA, IS IN A STATE OF "ABSOLUTE READINESS."

Coastal and anti-aircraft batteries are manned. Military flying has been slowed down for the moment in order to conserve engines and personnel for any instant call.

Army and police leave has been stopped.

WAR TAXES WARNING

Mr. T. Black, the Commissioner of War Taxation, has issued the following notice:

"Every person chargeable with tax for any year of assessment who has not been required within a period of three months after the commencement of such year of assessment to make a return of any income assessable to such tax for that year as provided in sub-section (1) shall within fourteen days after the expiration of such period give notice to the Commissioner that he is so chargeable.

YEAR OF ASSESSMENT 1940/41

"Every person chargeable with tax who has not by the 30th day of June, 1940, received a notice requiring him to make a return under Section 27 (1) of the War Revenue Ordinance, 1940, must give notice to the Commissioner of War Taxation on or before the 14th day of July, 1940.

"Any person not complying with this requirement is under Section 53 (1) (c) of the War Revenue Ordinance, 1940, liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

WAR TAXATION BOARD APPOINTED

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following to be members of the Board of War Taxation:

Mr. J. A. Fraser, M.C.
The Hon. Mr. M. E. Lo.
Mr. G. G. C. Tinson.
Mr. W. N. Bryden.

Other precautions include the institution of a "desert pair watch"—a chain of lonely Egyptian army sentinels, each with a telephone, stretching across the desert from the western frontier of Egypt to the Nile Delta.—Reuter.

American Efforts

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt stated at his Friday press conference that the United States Government was striving, as always, to prevent the extension of the war to other areas and other nations.

He indicated that he had made the attitude of the United States plain in his talk on Thursday with the Italian Ambassador.

When asked what steps he was taking to prevent the spread of war, the President replied: "The Government has been doing everything it could."—Reuter.

Malta Black-Outs

Malta, To-day.

Partial black-outs are to be held from sunset until further notice.—Reuter.

Von Papen Leaves Ankara

Ankara, To-day.

Von Papen, Nazi Ambassador to Turkey and, after Ribbentrop, Germany's most unsuccessful diplomat, has left for Berlin on another of his errands.—Reuter.

NAVAL SQUADRON ARRIVES

Alexandria, To-day.

An Allied naval squadron arrived here yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

RATING DECISION

It is officially announced that the existing valuation of the tenements of the Colony for rating purposes will be wholly adopted as the valuation for the period of nine months commencing on July 1, 1940 and ending on March 31, 1941.

NAZI STAFF OFFICERS CAUGHT IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian authorities are pursuing the campaign against "tourist invasions" with great severity.

Already 240 German residential permits have been cancelled, including several Germans who have been resident in Rumania for some years but who were suspected of "Fifth Column" activities.

At Sibiu, chief town in the Saxon minority area, some Saxons have been arrested for concealing several

SWISS GOVERNMENT CALLS UP MORE MEN

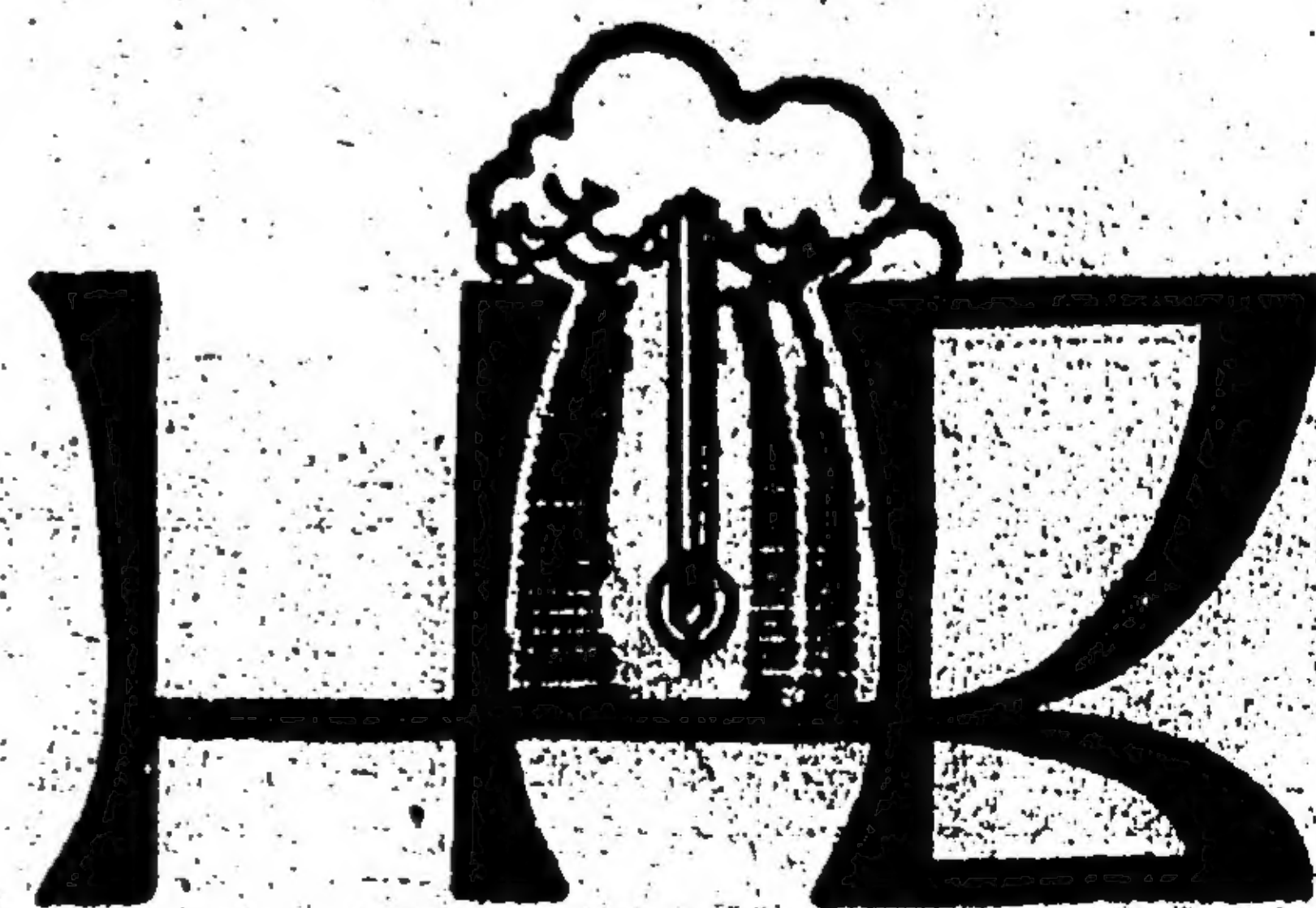
Zurich, To-day.

The Swiss Government is calling up more men on May 14 and 18 to relieve troops already with the Colours.

Several artillery units will be mobilised on May 14 and men of the reserve frontier troops and infantry regiments will be called up on May 18. By June, Switzerland is expected to have 500,000 men under arms.—Reuter.

tourists who, on examination, were stated to be German Staff officers. The "tourists" concerned have since been expelled.—Reuter.

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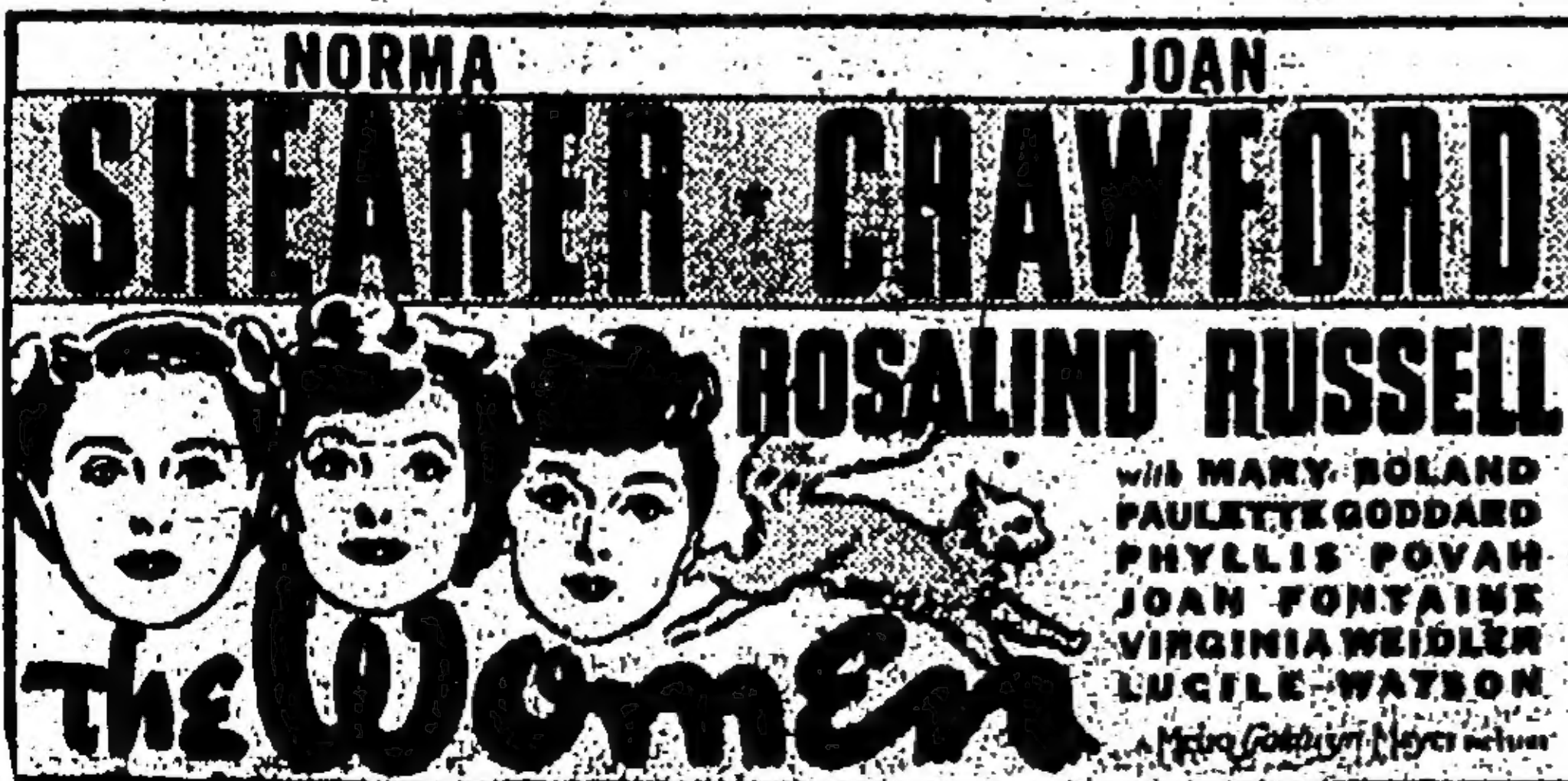
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PHONE CENSORS' TOWER OF BABEL

When the Ministry of Information revealed the story of the R.A.F. vengeance raids at Sylt, Room 43 at the Ministry became a modern Tower of Babel—for this is the room where foreign journalists put over their copy to their far distant offices.

In this long telephone-flanked room, a row of serious men and women are bowed over desks, listening intently through headphones. They are the censors checking every word of the conversations, although many of the correspondents are gabbling away their news as fast as speech can be uttered.

This news has already been censored, and if a correspondent adds to his story, or says anything out of place, the censor immediately interrupts.

Every one of these telephone censors—seventeen men and seven women—are fully conversant with at least four languages, although most of them can make sense of at least nine.

600 CALLS A WEEK

One of the censors, in civil life a professional linguist, who worked for Scotland Yard's special branch, the War Office and Law Courts—can make sense of fifty-nine different languages.

An auburn-haired 22-year-old Oxford "graduate" studied shorthand in Switzerland, and although she is writing shorthand in Room 43 in Dutch, German, and French, she can't do it in English.

Barristers, big game hunters, authors, artists, University professors—even last war secret service agents—all combine to censor British news for foreign publication.

Upwards of 600 calls a week are handled—according to the importance of the Ministry's information. Each call averages ten minutes.

It is estimated that a quarter of a million words are pouring out to foreign capitals every week and three hundred thousand flow in.

As a curious example of news value, the number of words sent out on the "Unity Mitford Story" equalled those on the Graf Spee.

On the first day of war, there was only one telephone box available for foreign journalists, and on that warm summer day, censor, translator, and correspondent were all tightly squeezed inside together. To-day, Room 43 provides adequate amenities for ten journalists at a time.

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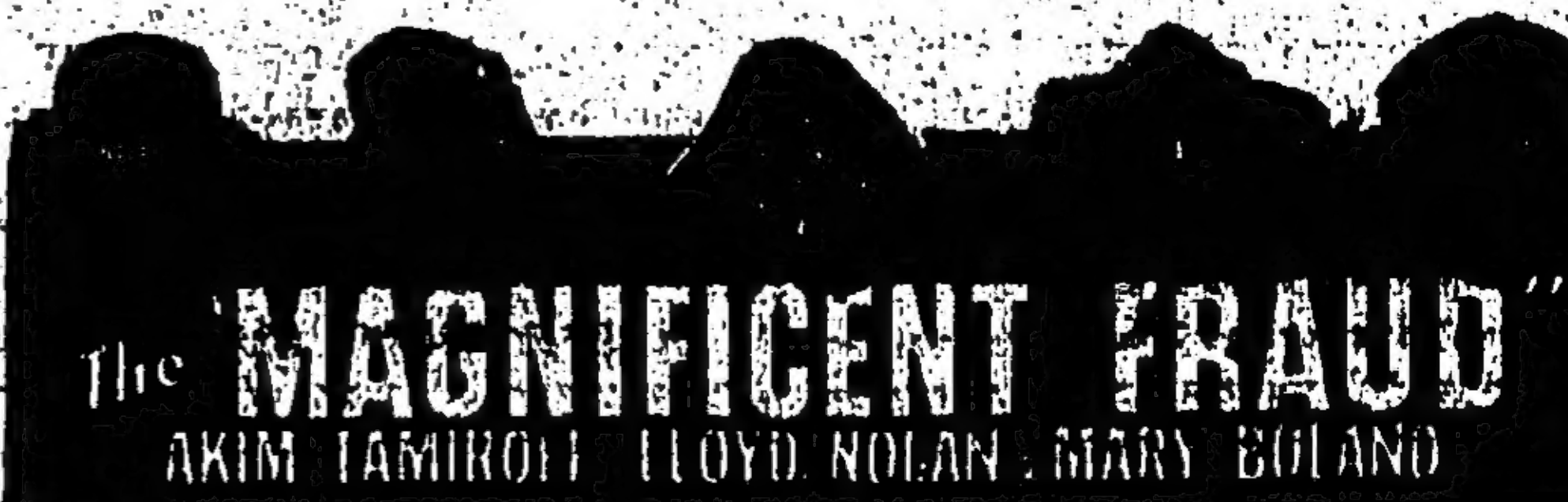


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WHEN IT CAN BE TOLD

"WE SHALL MARVEL AT WHAT OUR MEN DID"

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH ACTION in going to the help of Norway immediately was a daring movement, says "The Times." Tactical failure does not mean that the attempt was not justified.

The Germans could reinforce their troops faster than we could by sacrificing great numbers of lives and the seizure of the aerodromes meant that they could prevent the Allies from landing heavy artillery and tanks.

The "Daily Telegraph" emphasizes that Mr. Chamberlain's statement was only an interim one. It raises the final question: were we right to commit our forces for the defence of Norway?

Britain's pledge of a crusade against the brutal aggression of Germany meant that she could not refuse to help, the paper goes on.

Berlin planned a spectacular and quick campaign, but at the end of three weeks she has lost thousands of lives in troop ships. Life is cheap in the Nazi Reich.

More precious, from the Nazi point of view, are the aeroplanes and petrol Germany has had to use. Most damaging of all has been the mutilation of the German Fleet. Sound strategy does not forbid an operation which is hazardous but when danger makes losses a certainty, plans must be changed. The Government is not afraid to change its plans and to come out of what might have developed into a still more serious situation.

Military View

This is no time for condemning before the whole case is put forward, says the "Yorkshire Post."

From a military point of view, the Norwegian campaign might have been condemned before it started as too dangerous, but the decision was not taken on military grounds.

We had to stiffen Norwegian resistance and if we had not the neutrals would have received one more illustration of weakness against Nazi aggression.

When the full story comes to be told, we may expect to marvel at what our men did and went through. They will be found to have done all and more than they could have been expected to do. It was not human spirit that failed but mass air power that won.

Not Of Major Importance

The "Daily Express" says that when we look at the Norwegian affair calmly, we see that the reverse is not of major importance. The evacuation was a splendid piece of organization. —Reuter.

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"You see, I want to be a glamour girl, but I'm still trying to make good after twenty years in this business and that's definitely too late to try for this apparently newly-discovered oomph."

Miss Pitts suddenly found this enthusiasm for ballet when they were casting for the film of "You Can't Take It With You."

She wanted to play the ballet dancer.

"I could get up on my toes all right, but the only way I could get off them was to fall flat on my face and, oh, dear, I usually did."

"I'm concentrating on being a glamour girl now, and when I get that perfected enough to get into a Broadway musical show, I'll resume my training as a ballerina."—Associated Press.

NOT A "PHONEY" WAR

"THIS IS NOT A PHONEY WAR," SAID MR. GODFREY HAGGARD, BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL AT NEW YORK, IN A SPEECH TO THE NEW YORK SECURITY LEADERS ASSOCIATION.

"Rather we believe that the last war was a phoney war, with its set battles and its dreadful slaughter and destruction."

"We see grounds for hope in this fact—that eight months after the declaration of war Western civilisation still hesitates to embark upon the sort of suicide discussed and expected."

Paying a high tribute to Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Haggard added:

"We British believe in Mr. Chamberlain. We bless him for having kept his head when others are losing theirs."

"For my part, I believe him to be an idealist, pure and simple—but much purer than simple."—Reuter.

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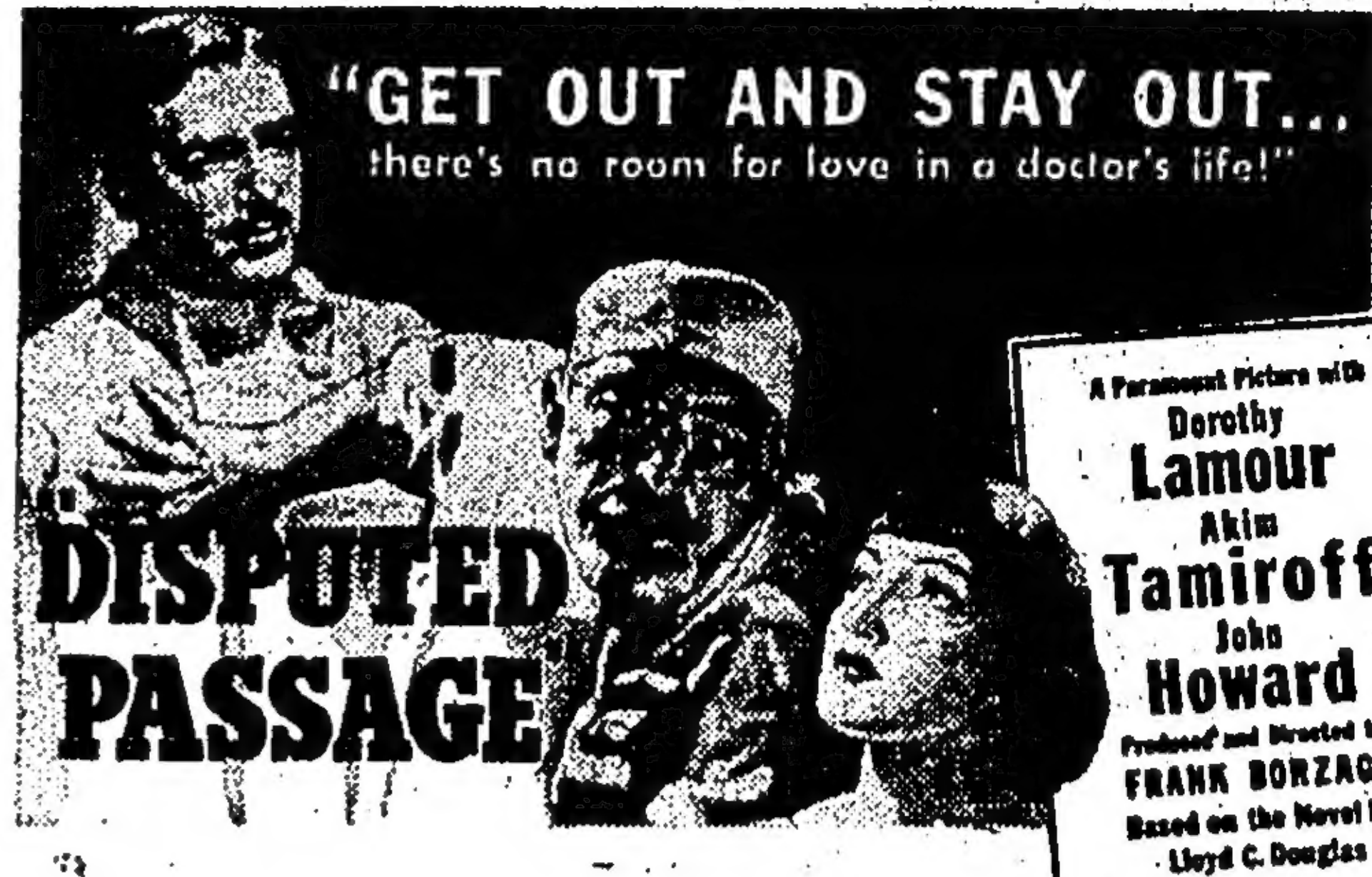
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ANOTHER GERMAN "NEST" SMOKED OUT

R.A.F. Swoops On Ry: Heavy Damage Done Aerodrome And Woods Turned Into Blazing Confusion

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE R. A. F. SMOKED OUT A NEW NEST FOR ENEMY AIR TRANSPORTS ON THURSDAY NIGHT AND YESTERDAY MORNING, IT IS DISCLOSED BY AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Great havoc was done when the German aerodrome at Ry was attacked for the first time by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

Germany's Norwegian bases at Stavanger and Fornebu were also raided for the third night in succession, while other aircraft of the Command maintained their customary night patrol over the bases of the mine-laying seaplanes off the German coast.

At Ry, situated on the shore of a lake in East Central Jutland, a strong concentration of aircraft dispersed round the landing ground was subjected to two separate attacks, the first in the half-light of late evening and the second after darkness had fallen.

The falling light had reduced visibility to about a mile when the vanguard of the first attack approached, when more than twenty aircraft could be seen on the aerodrome.

Flying over the aerodrome singly from east to west in rapid succession, they dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs on the landing ground and surrounding woods.

A salvo was seen to fall on the centre of the aerodrome and set enemy planes on fire. Hits were registered on all parts of the field and as the last plane flew over, large fires were seen to break out on three sides of the aerodrome.

BLAZING FIERCELY

The woods around the field were alight and blazing fiercely. A thick pall of smoke covered the sky over the field. There was blazing confusion on the ground below.

When our planes were returning and had left Ry some 50 miles behind them, one machine saw a vivid flash and a huge flame shoot up into the sky and heard a heavy explosion, as if an ammunition dump or petrol store had gone up.

No Nazi machines came up to give combat, although there was heavy pom-pom anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire. No British plane was hit.

The second raid was carried out after dusk. The British planes approached from different directions and bombed the base for half an hour.

Two hits were registered on the north-west corner, a heavy bomb was dropped just short of the main hangar, and a salvo of three bombs straddled the northern boundary. There were many explosions in the woods and many new fires were seen to break out.

The ground defences were again ineffective. All planes returned safely from both raids.—Reuter.

ACTING PUISNE JUDGE

Mr. E. H. Williams has been appointed to act as Puisne Judge during the absence on leave of Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, and as Chairman of the Compulsory Service Tribunal.

BRITISH CRAFT FIGHTS OFF THREE

London, To-day.
 The Air Ministry announces that in a fierce battle between three enemy fighters and a British reconnaissance machine near Borkum early yesterday, one of the German machines was shot down.

The two remaining Germans broke off the engagement.

The gunner of the British plane was killed and the pilot and navigator were both wounded, but they brought the machine back safely.—Reuter.

COLONY'S FINANCES

THE COLONY'S TREASURY NOW HAS A SURPLUS BALANCE OF OVER \$19,000,000, FEBRUARY'S STATEMENT REVEALING AN EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE OF APPROXIMATELY \$210,000.

Total revenue was \$3,332,713 in February, against \$2,957,050 in February 1939.

Total expenditure was \$3,114,846 against \$3,276,626 in February, 1939. Chief decreases were under the heads of Charitable Services and Waterworks. Increases chiefly came under the heading of war expenditure.

OIL AGREEMENT IN MEXICO

New York, To-day.

Usually well-informed oil circles understand an agreement has been reached between the Consolidated Oil Company and the Mexican Government regarding the expropriation of the company's properties in Mexico.

The settlement is reported to involve the payment of \$9,000,000 over three years to the company which, it is also reported, acquires the right to take 30,000,000 barrels of oil from Mexican wells in the course of the next six years.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

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SHANGHAI SHOPS BESIEGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Fearing another slump in the Chinese dollar, buyers continued to besiege all the provision stores yesterday.

In some instances, the crowds were so dense that shopkeepers were compelled to close.

Imported foodstuffs were more particularly sought and many stores refused to accept Chinese currency.

Often imported medicines were unobtainable.

Shopkeepers refused to sell large quantities of goods to the same customers.

Within a few hours, the price of coffee was raised from \$4.80 to \$5.60 a pound. Butter went up from \$4.80 to \$5.60. The prices of some other goods increased to a greater extent.—Havas.

SHANGHAI DOLLAR SLUMP HITS SHARES

London, To-day.

After a hesitant start the Stock Exchange became firmer yesterday under the lead of gilt-edged securities, though Chinese bonds and Eastern banks continued easy in sympathy with the recent decline in the Shanghai dollar. Chinese 1912 5 per cent. Bonds declined from 20 to 19.

Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

LONELY WIFE'S PLEA FAILS

A lonely wife whose husband deserted her six years ago has written to the Swale (Kent) Council asking whether they will permit a man friend to live with her in her council house until she can marry him.

The council has refused her request.

"My son has set up a home on his own and I am very lonely," she wrote, "and I need a man to do the heavy work about the house."

"I have difficulty in making ends meet, and would appreciate it if my gentleman friend could be allowed to live with me. We have not the money to take legal proceedings, but hope to get married soon."

"I do not think we can allow this sort of thing," said the council chairman, Mr. G. Sargent.

Mr. J. G. Harlow said: "The woman is being honest; at any rate, she could have said that he was her brother."

PREMIER SEES ATTLEE AND GREENWOOD

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain yesterday saw the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition at 10, Downing Street, for half an hour.—Reuter.



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SIR JOHN SIMON WARNS AGAINST HASTY VERDICTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
ADDRESSING A LIBERAL NATIONAL MEETING IN LONDON YESTERDAY, SIR JOHN SIMON, CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, PERMITTED HIMSELF TWO COMMENTS IN ANTICIPATION OF NEXT WEEK'S PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE.

In the first place, speaking with the complete information which only a member of the War Cabinet possesses, he was confident that when the full position was disclosed the impartial judgment of the public would be that the action was wisely taken on the best advice.

His second comment was that if anybody was disposed to fasten criticism upon one or another Minister, or to draw distinctions between them, he would be woefully disappointed, for it would be made plain that there was no room for such distinctions.

Reflecting on the course of the war so far, the Chancellor drew three lessons.

It had never been a British shortcoming to belittle the quality of the enemy, and after eight months of war, before any main or crucial contest had been entered, we realised we had to meet and overthrow an opponent of enormous strength, organised and prepared to the last degree for the struggle.

The second broad reflection, he said, was the unparalleled unity and determination with which the British people and Commonwealth overseas were meeting the challenge.

Deliberate Judgment

No power on earth could sweep the decent peaceable British Race into the furnace of a great war, save their deliberate judgment.

liberate judgment that it must at all costs be undertaken.

"It may take us some time to realise the full danger but the recent proceedings of Germany have called into battle from the other sides of the world Canadians, South Africans, Australians and New Zealanders, to stand beside the Mother Country in a bitter and costly conflict forced upon us by one man's resolve to smash the peace of the world. "The reaction in France, like the reaction in Britain, produces the same solidarity.

Human Liberties

"Finally, it is as plain as anything can be that this is a conflict in defence of ordinary human liberties, and we of Liberal faith, who hate war and deplore the squandering of the national wealth when there is so much left to do to improve the human lot under peace conditions, declare that no sacrifice is too great to destroy this threat to liberty, and that whatever betide we will endure and persist until the day of victory dawns."—Reuter.

BRITISH WOMEN STILL 'ALIENS'

British-born wives of Germans are no longer 'enemy aliens.' A number of them have already received from the Government certificates of re-nationalisation, and further batches of such certificates, it is expected, will be issued from time to time.

But the British born wives of neutral subjects are still classed as "friendly aliens," and are still barred from regaining their British nationality.

In an attempt to clear up the anomaly, it is likely that Lord Alness, Champion of the "British-born wives' birthright," will soon introduce yet another Nationality Bill into the House of Lords.

An official of the Women's Freedom League stated:

"Real satisfaction is felt at what has happened with the British-born wives of enemy aliens.

"Our next move concerns our women who have married friendly aliens. Why should they be deprived of their birthright? We think the moment has come when a request made on their behalf should arouse sympathy even in official circles.

"If relief can be brought now to some women who really need it, we shall patiently wait till after the war to claim that full justice shall be done on this nationality question."

FLYING ACE'S COUSIN KILLED

The first Canadian airman to be killed with the R.A.F. on the Western Front, Pilot Officer Lloyd George Bishop, was a cousin of the Dominions flying ace of the last war, Colonel Billy Bishop, V.C.

Pilot Officer Bishop met his death while out on patrol over the Maginot Line and Siegfried Line. Flying a fighter at a height of over 20,000ft., he dropped out of the flight formation and was seen to crash to the ground.

He was nineteen years of age and had been with the R.A.F. in France only a fortnight.

Colonel Bishop brought down seventy-two German machines and took part in 107 air battles in the Great War.

GUN OFFICER DREADED BANG

A Junior ship's officer, member of the gun crew, who "did not like to hear the bang when the gun was fired," hanged himself when the ship was in the Bay of Biscay, homeward bound. He was John Edmund Isely (20), of Whitechurch-gardens, Edgware, London.

At a Liverpool inquest a verdict of "Suicide with no sufficient evidence to show the state of his mind" was recorded.

His Chief Officer stated that Isely had been a cadet officer for two years. He was on friendly terms with everyone and had given satisfaction in his work, but he was of a moody temperament.

Although he had been at sea during six months of war he did not like to hear the bang when the gun was fired. Otherwise he showed no signs of nervousness at being at sea in wartime.

NAZI SIDE OF STORY

Berlin, To-day.

The Nazi press is writing as though the entire struggle between the Germans and the Allies is ended.

The Germans are not being told that this is only one phase of the Norwegian campaign, nor of the losses inflicted by the smaller Allied forces.—Reuter.

SOBER REFLECTION BY THE EXPERTS

London, To-day.

THE NEW SITUATION IN NORWAY is still the leading topic of discussion here at Home. Military experts and the press have taken the news soberly, but all agree that only by a tremendous stroke of fortune could we have achieved the quick victory many looked for.

Here is a consensus of the views expressed:—The lightly-armed forces in southern Norway did far better than could have been expected. They probably saved Norway from collapse and by their gallantry and resource inflicted great losses on the Germans and shattered the Nazi hope of a speedy campaign.

Germany has lost one-third of her fleet, while British sea power is even stronger to-day than it was a month ago.

Northern Scandinavia is still held; the Nazis are still far from their main object, the iron ore mines, while they have to disperse considerable forces to hold the southern coast, which is liable to constant attacks by the Allied navies and air forces.

The Germans have lost many men on sea and land. The British withdrawal was carried out with such skill and secrecy that the British forces are left to fight another day.—Reuter.

AMERICA AND THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

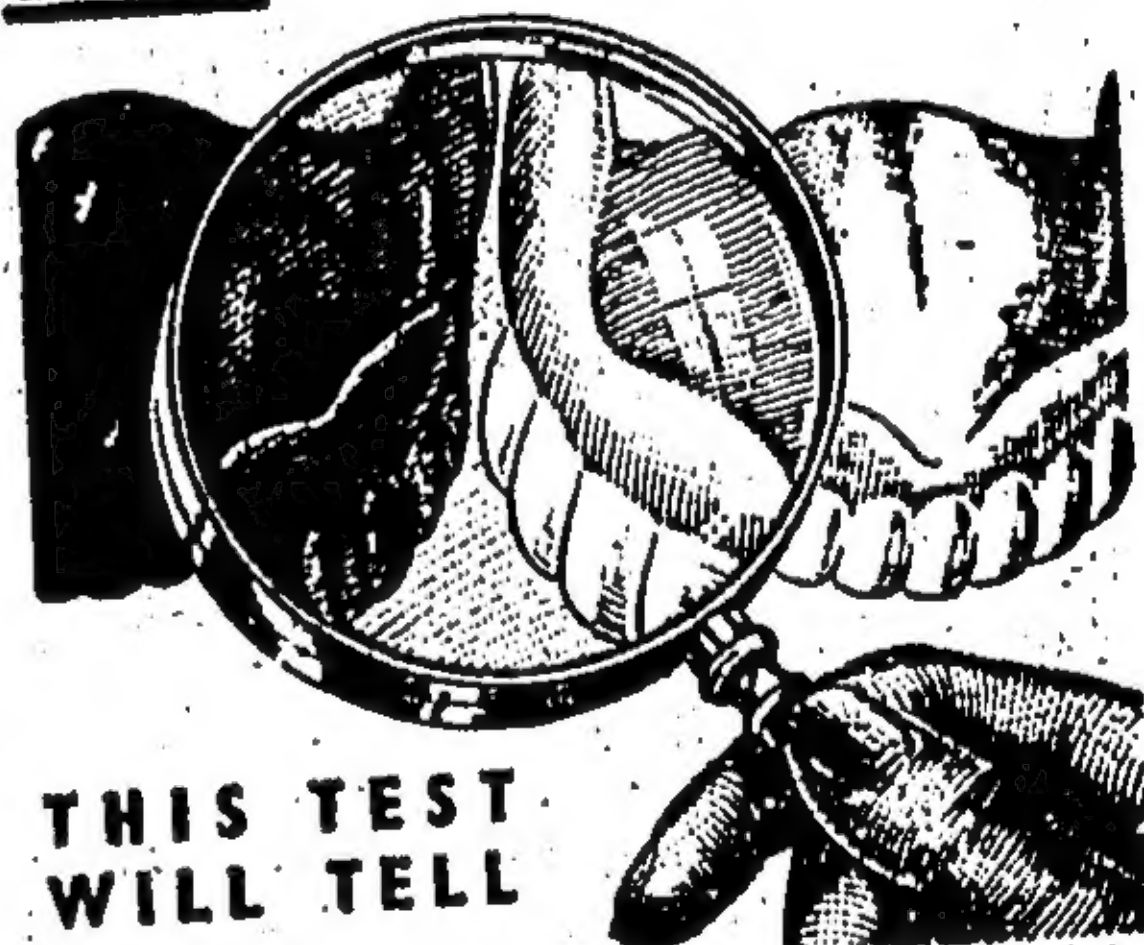
Washington, To-day.

A twenty-four point programme demanding an increase of U. S. armaments and Congress' reassertion of its determination to keep the country out of the war unless the security of the nation is endangered, was adopted by the United States Chamber of Commerce during a meeting of members from all parts of the country.

Mr. Lewis Douglas, President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company declared that he himself opposed any isolation policy by the United States. He added that the American national interests have much at stake in the outcome of the European conflict.

It would not be possible to rebuild a peaceful Europe should Britain and France be defeated.—Havas.

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EVACUATION OF NAMSOS--OFFICIAL

All Allied Troops Now Withdrawn

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ALLIED FORCES FROM NAMSOS AS WELL AS ANDALSNES WAS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED LAST NIGHT IN A WAR OFFICE COMMUNIQUE.

The communique announces that all Allied troops were re-embarked at Namsos during Thursday night and that the withdrawal was carried out without loss.

The full text of the communique is as follows:

"Allied troops in the Narvik area were subjected to sharp counter-attacks on May 1. The enemy attacks were repulsed. Many enemy dead were left in front of our positions and some prisoners were taken.

"In accordance with the general plan of withdrawal from the immediate neighbourhood of Trondheim, the Allied troops re-embarked at Namsos last night. The withdrawal and re-embarkation was carried out with complete success and without loss.

"Allied troops advancing in the Narvik area were counter-attacked by the enemy."—Reuter.

Nazi Air Attacks

Stockholm, To-day.
A Swedish despatch from Grong states German planes attacked the Allied troops as they were embarking from Namsos but with little effect.

A bomb is reported to have struck a British destroyer.—Reuter.

German Prisoners Landed

London, To-day.
Forty-two Germans captured in Norway were landed yesterday from a Norwegian steamer at a Scottish port.

One who was injured was taken to hospital and the others, escorted by an armed guard, to a camp. Six of them wore the uniforms of Nazi airmen and the others civilian clothes.—Reuter.

Violent Air Activity

Stockholm, To-day.
The "Aftonbladet" correspondent in north Trondelag, north of Trondheim, reports "extremely violent" German air activity.

Telephone communication with Sweden was cut, owing to the raids. Sandolag, east of Namsos, was the place worst affected.—Reuter.

King Still in Norway

Stockholm, To-day.
The Norwegian News Agency confirms that the King and Government are still in Norway.—Reuter.

HEAVY NAVAL CONCENTRATION

Berlin, To-day.
In an official wireless message last night announcing the British withdrawal from Namsos, it was stated that many British warships were concentrated in the harbour to cover the withdrawal.—Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.
The Norwegian Legation officially announces that King Haakon and his family and the Norwegian Government are still in Norway and have no intention of leaving the country.—Reuter.



Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply and Lord Catto, Director General of Equipment Inspecting B.E.F. equipment for Norway, in London. (Copyright, Fox).

ENGLAND TOLD THE TRUTH: SPANISH APPROVAL

Madrid, To-day.

Calmly, with truly British sporting optimism, Mr. Chamberlain told England the truth, writes "Arriba," the official organ of the Spanish Falange, in a comment on the Norwegian campaign.

The attitude of the Spanish Press is altogether friendly.

"Arriba" says that at this time, when news is hidden under almost absurd propaganda, the frank way in which the head of the British Government told his great people of the dangers of the adventurous enterprise is most praiseworthy and refreshing.

The paper quotes a military correspondent, who says that the German occupation had been hasty and would, in time, be found to be worth less than the cost.

Neutrality Assured

After a discussion of Mr. Chamberlain's statement on British naval dispositions in the Mediterranean, the paper declares: "No one shall make Spain swerve for a moment from the line of neutrality marked out by General Franco at the outbreak of the war."

The newspaper "ABC" is running a series of friendly articles on Anglo-

Spanish relations, emphasizing the value of the recent trade agreement. The paper asks: Cannot our relations be founded on something deeper than their historical, financial basis?—Reuter.

POLISH ARMY ON PARADE

London, To-day.

Yesterday was Polish Constitution Day, celebrated as a National Holiday. While in Poland the Poles were able to keep the day only in their hearts, Poles all over the world looked forward with hope to the restitution of their liberation through an Allied victory.

The Polish Army in France held a special parade in the presence of British M.P.s, while Polish airmen training in Britain held a concert.—Reuter.

HONG KONG TAXI-DANCER ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The popular Chinese taxi dancer, Miss Ma San-nur, was arrested a few days ago by Wang Ching-wel's secret agents and is reported to have been handed over to the Japanese military authorities and charged with spying.

Last year she constantly travelled between Shanghai and Hong Kong sometimes with boy friends and sometimes alone. She last returned to Shanghai on April 15.—Havas.

NEW YORK COMMENT ON DECISION

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

THE "NEW YORK TIMES" SAYS THAT THE ALLIED FORCES WERE FROM THE FIRST CONFRONTED WITH ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE OBSTACLES, BUT THE DECISION OF THE ALLIES TO SEND FORCES IS TO THEIR LASTING CREDIT.

The British and French people can be relied on now to stiffen their organisation of war and steel themselves for the greater tasks that lie ahead.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says that the Allies held the Germans to a partial victory and the German hold on occupied-Norway will be an uneasy one. The Germans will have to expend energy in southern Norway that might be more useful to the Reich elsewhere.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S FOOD STOCKS

London, To-day.

The progress made in the food position was discussed by Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, in a Liverpool speech yesterday.

If Goebbels' underlings could see the stocks of food now in Britain, he said, it would give them liver complaints!

His chief aim was to secure for the people not only enough food but food that they could afford to buy. He would not hesitate to impose further restrictions if they were necessary.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

WHAT WOULD "CONFUCIUS SAY"?

Does anyone feel sorry for the Chinese sage who is now being widely mistreated through putting into his mouth many words and sentiments that he never uttered? If somebody wearing a Chinese scholar-costume of twenty-five centuries ago could reappear and allege that he has been cruelly misquoted, that would be Confucius.

"East is east and west is west," wrote Rudyard Kipling, "and never the twain shall meet." But he did not stop there. And we need only compare the Chinese sayings with those of Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard to realize the kinship of all wise men.

"In style," Confucius averred, "all that is required is that it convey the meaning." Now the regrettable feature of the current fad is the inanity in most of the parodies. However, Confucius might concur in some measure with the modern vogue. "Better be remembered by all," he might say, "than forgotten by all but scholars."

—*"Christian Science Monitor"*

HOW PROPAGANDA WORKS

How seriously should we take the propaganda of Dr. Goebbels? The public in Britain, France, India and elsewhere—for Dr. Goebbels has his public—treat it as excellent entertainment and discuss it with a laugh. But derision, though it is an excellent antidote, is not a sufficient cure.

Dr. Goebbels has learnt from Lenin that the first task of subversive propaganda is not to create a public opinion in your favour, but to destroy the unity of your opponents.

The German propagandist starts, therefore, by a consideration, not of his own country's message, but of the social conditions in the country he is attacking.

To take an extreme instance, German propaganda has commended the moral courage of the conscientious objector in Britain. It has done so, not in the hope that the conscientious objector will become a Nazi, but because he sees the nuisance value to Great Britain of a strong movement against war. It has stirred up an agitation against the Hungarian landlords, not because Hitler believes in the confiscation of the latifundia—the German landlords still control their estates—but because peasant unrest will play into the hands of Nazi imperialism.

It is interesting to observe Dr. Goebbels' tender solicitude for the conditions of the British worker, for the plight of the evacuee, for the allowances to soldiers' wives, for the peoples of India, and for everyone of those democratic privileges which he has destroyed in Germany.

On the English air, he becomes one of those humanitarian socialists, whose heart is even softer than his head; on the French, a near-communist determined to liberate his country from slavery to international finance; on the American, an isolationist who is 100 per cent. American; Eastern European listeners find in him a passionate advocate of land-reform and opponent of "Jewish" imperialism; in India he is the enemy of Imperialism.—*Indian Information*, New Delhi.

PUBLICITY

All dictatorships are born in the dark. They survive for a time in the shadows. They invariably die in the light.

The one thing tyranny cannot stand is publicity. It must gag the press, stop free expression, silence the pulpit, censor the radio, control the movies, propagandize the public with half-truths—which is the shadiest way of lying there is.

The real bulwark of democracy is not the ballot box but the honest newspaper.—*"Michigan Christian Advocate"*.

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COLLABORATION

The first months of the war were prolific of paper constitutions of the international commonwealth of the future. They have served a valuable purpose in focusing thought, but their remoteness from practical politics has rapidly become apparent, and already the whole class of them has begun to "date." The doctrine implicit in them all—that, if law is to replace force in international relations, the limitation of sovereignty must be accepted—is, however, unquestionable. The Anglo-French declaration points the way to the practical application of this doctrine. In dealings between themselves the two nations have already given up their absolute sovereignty. That part of it which they have surrendered into the common fund of authority will remain there at least until the new international order has been established; if that order realizes the hopes that have been formed, they may never find it necessary to resume it. What distinguishes the model of internationalism that Great Britain and France will in due course invite the world to expand is that it is the direct result of experience. The British Constitution contains no abstract dogma of liberty, no declaration of the rights of man; it consists of an elaborate nexus of separate liberties and rights, secured to the subject at different dates in history, and each

"BEAUTIFUL" THOUGHTS

Words are beautiful things. Machine guns, ships, aeroplanes, are still more beautiful. War alone brings to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility on the people who have the courage to lead it.—*Mussolini*.

one devised to meet a particular need or to avert a particular threat to freedom. It is not the only approach to the problem of liberty and law; but the resultant system has achieved a unique stability.

Our French friends, who themselves frame their political ideals in more general and abstract terms, are on this occasion disposed to ask the world to confront the problem of peace in our way. The combined Anglo-French polity has no written constitution, no fundamental law. But it actually exists and works for the common good and towards the destruction of the common enemy. In certain departments of life we are finding that it promotes efficiency and harmony if we submit ourselves to a joint authority, in which both nations participate equally; in certain others we find it better to go our separate ways. When the time comes to discuss larger systems of co-operation we shall possess a great fund of worldly wisdom on the two essential questions—what community of ideas is necessary to make co-operation possible, and to what definite ends it is desirable and possible to co-operate.—*"The Times"*.

PLAYING WITH THE WAR WARNING

"THE MORALE of this country from the fighting point of view is nothing like it was when we went to war in 1914," said Mr. H. G. Wells.

"Then there was a simple, eager patriotism which was almost universal. In 1915 we were talking freely about the issues of the war and we were free to criticise, to throw out Ministers and throw out the Government.

U.S. ARMY PRESCRIBES DIET FOR OUR TROOPS

British soldiers in the front line will soon be eating a 3s. a day emergency ration developed by dietary experts of the United States Army.

The British Government has given an order with an American firm for a consignment of the new tinned ration, designed for a three-day emergency during fighting.

Each soldier will carry one 15oz. tin of cooked meat and beans, one of meat and vegetable hash, and three more tins, containing, 6oz. of biscuits, 1oz. of sugar and 3/4oz. of finely ground coffee, soluble even in cold water.—Associated Press.

WHY MINES EXPLODE ON OUR SHORES

Many of the public are under the impression that according to international law a mine which comes adrift from its moorings must automatically be rendered harmless, and they cannot understand why, if that is so, drifting mines should have been exploding on the shores of Cheungchau and elsewhere in Hong Kong.

What are the facts? Article 3 of the Hague Convention of 1907 (to which Great Britain subscribed) provided that—

"When anchored automatic contact mines are employed, every possible precaution must be taken for the safety of peaceful navigation."

British mines conform with this provision. If they break adrift, a switch (operated by a powerful spring) is broken as soon as the strain is taken off the mooring rope. After that a ship has nothing to fear; the mine cannot be exploded by contact with the projecting horns. There is in fact no case, in this or in the last war, of a ship under way being seriously damaged by a drifting British mine. Thus in the words of the Hague Convention "peaceful navigation" faces no dangers from such mines.

Why then do the mines sometimes explode on reaching shore—on the Cheungchau beaches for example? There is still a large explosive charge in the mine. The electrical firing device actuated by the horns has been put out of action and contact with a navigating ship will not fire the charge. But repeated pounding on the shore by the action of wind and wave may, and in fact sometimes does, as we know from experiences at Cheungchau.

Similar explosions have occurred in many parts of the world besides Hong Kong; there have been reports of drifting mines exploding on the coasts of Denmark, Holland, Great Britain, and indeed of all countries adjacent to minefields of any nationality.

The public may rest assured of two things; first that the mines of the Royal Navy are efficiently and carefully laid; second, that every possible precaution to safeguard peaceful navigation is taken.

"Now after six months of renewed war there is much more suppression both of opinion and news than there was in 1915. Why? Everybody knows our Government is grossly incompetent and yet no one dare attempt its replacement.

"Why is there this hysterical trust in loyalty to the Government? The lack of confidence in the spirit of our people is psychologically different only in degree from what is happening in Germany.

"The Germans adhere to Hitler because they fear complete chaos if his gangs break down."

"DAMN US UTTERLY"

He said that the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax were, at the present time, "just playing about with the war."

He criticised the Government publication entitled, "The British Case," which, he said, was issued with the blessing of Lord Halifax, and according to which we were fighting for the British Empire and Imperialism.

"It is calculated to damn us utterly in the eyes of America and all neutral countries, and even in the eyes of our ally, France," said Mr. Wells.

"I challenge you to read it and say whether Lord Halifax is a fit and proper person to continue in charge of our foreign affairs. I believe you will say, with me, that if this is the stuff for which we are fighting, then it is foolish to fight."

Mr. Wells said that whatever Mr. J. M. Keynes and other sincere supporters of the present monetary system might claim, the spending of £6,000,000 a day on the war meant inflation and bankruptcy. In quite a short time it might be found that the money in people's pockets would buy practically nothing.

NO PEACE POSSIBLE

Asking if it were possible to have peace at the present time, Mr. Wells said that National Socialism, like Bolshevism, was eyewash for individualistic control of the countries where those systems were in being. There was nothing in their systems with which peace could be made, for peace could not be brought about with disorder. We were in the presence of a system that was breaking down.

To avoid a catastrophe, he advocated the setting up of one civilised peace and one general economic control in the world.

The backbone of his hopes, he said, was an entirely practical proposition for "a world-wide coalescence of all the scattered forces of the human heart into one consciously revolutionary movement based on the declared rights of man."

He was addressing the British Students' Congress at Leeds University.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject—Everlasting Punishment. The Subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow, May 5th will be:—"Everlasting Punishment."

The Golden Text will be:—"The way of the Lord is strength to the upright; but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity." (Prov. 10:29).



Edna Best and Ingrid Bergman are the two women who love Leslie Howard in "Intermezzo, a Love Story," the new romantic drama produced by David O. Selznick and now showing at the King's Theatre.

DEANNA PUTS OFF TRIP

War—and hard work—have put an end to Deanna Durbin's hopes of visiting England, where her mother and father were born, in Lancashire.

But this is the only disappointment in the life of the "world's happiest girl," who at seventeen has achieved a million dollars, six successive picture hits, and a steady boy friend.

Her latest picture, "It's a Date," with Kay Francis, became a Broadway hit this week, and is likely to prove another money-maker for Universal Pictures.


The boy friend is Vaughn Paul, a handsome, clean-cut young fellow of good family and means. Deanna doesn't mind telling about him.

"We were embarrassed," she smiles, "when, at my birthday party last December, word got around that Vaughn had given me a ring and we were planning to elope."

"That's silly. We go steady, but we don't consider ourselves engaged. Marriage is so far off I haven't given it a thought."

Deanna is one of the few actresses in Hollywood without a flop to her record. Universal paid her £44,000 last year. Other sources—Durbin dolls, dresses, various "tie-ups" brought in perhaps £20,000 more.

But to Deanna, who isn't especially good at figures, her salary is a comfortably vague thing, handled by her parents.—Associated Press.



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AMERICA'S GOLD TO REPAIR WAR RAVAGES

New York, To-day.

ADDRESSING A POLITICAL meeting yesterday, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, stated that America's \$186,000,000,000 gold stock ought to be used to help repair the world-wide ravages of war when peace was restored.

Upholding the Administration's huge gold purchases, Mr. Morgenthau said: "We can feel entirely comfortable in possession of a supply of gold with which we can meet future demands upon our monetary system without a shock to our economy."

"We can be prepared also to play the part we ought to play in the reconstruction of the world that must follow the senseless destruction of war."

VON PAPEN BUYS BEANS FOR LUNCH

(Continued from Page 10)

RIBBENTROP'S SISTER
There are other Germans of some note in Ankara. If you see a tall, elegant, grey-haired lady standing in the main Chankaya boulevard calling "Bobbie! Bobbie!" to a wire-haired terrier, it will be Herr von Ribbentrop's sister, Frau Jenke.

Her little boy, I am told, is a typical blond Rhinelander, like his mother, though his father is a German who was born in Constantinople, as it was then called.

Herr Jenke used to be a shipping agent in Istanbul, but when the war started his all-powerful brother-in-law gave him the post of Commercial Attaché at the German Embassy in Ankara, with the local rank of Minister, which makes him the third man on Von Papen's staff.

The Jenkes have taken the former Norwegian Legation as their private residence, and Herr von Ribbentrop's sister has done its internal decoration with, I am told, great taste and skill—showing a predilection for English chintzes. Everyone who knows her speaks of her charm, and she certainly has much distinction of bearing.

I am sure to see Von Papen at the annual ball of the Turkish Press. As a journalist, I would like to have a talk with him, just to see what he would say. As a British subject, I can't. It would be trading ideas with the enemy.

ARTILLERY IN ACTION WEST OF VOSGES

Paris, To-day.

The evening communique of G.H.Q. states: During the day our artillery was in action in the region west of the Vosges.—Reuter.



Since the invasion of the Scandinavian countries by the Germans, many Danish and Norwegian ships have found their way to British ports. The crews daily follow the war news from that part of the world. Photo shows The Chief Officer, J. Pedersen, pointing to positions on a map aboard the "Altair". (Copyright, Fox).

Hinting that America's \$14,000,000,000 War Debts would not be collected, Mr. Morgenthau remarked it was doubtful if Americans would want to repeat that experience.

"I prefer gold to pieces of foreign paper. Because of its huge gold backing the United States dollar is the soundest currency unit in the world."

Mr. Morgenthau described German and other attempts to substitute trade by barter for gold-regulated free exchange as the worse of alternatives chosen only through lack of gold and not because of distrust of gold.

Only possible threat to the future value of gold, he thought, was the emergence of one or two dictators ruling most of the world, but he did not fear that would ever happen.—Reuter.

LESSONS OF THE WAR

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday stated that all possible technical improvements in both offensive and defensive weapons were now being studied in the United States.

The statement was made in reply to a question at his press conference regarding the recent proposal by Secretary of Navy Edison that warships should be re-designed to afford greater protection from bombing.—Reuter.

FRENCH SUBMARINE TORPEDOES U-BOAT

Paris, To-day.

The French Navy has listed another success by one of its submarines.

While on patrol in the North Sea, the submarine met a Nazi U-boat and torpedoed it.

So far as is known, this has only been done once before in this war, when a British submarine torpedoed a U-boat.—Reuter.

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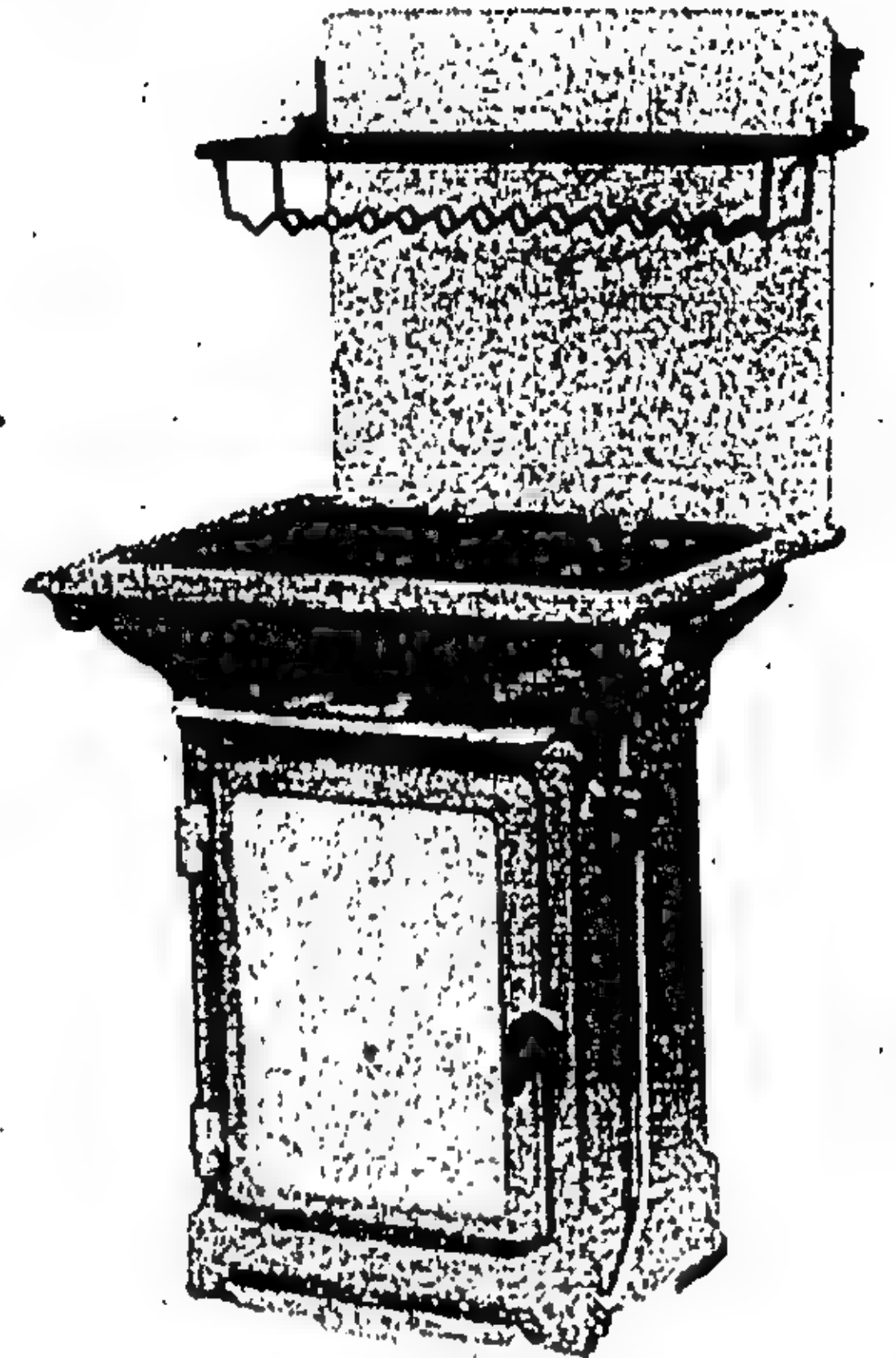
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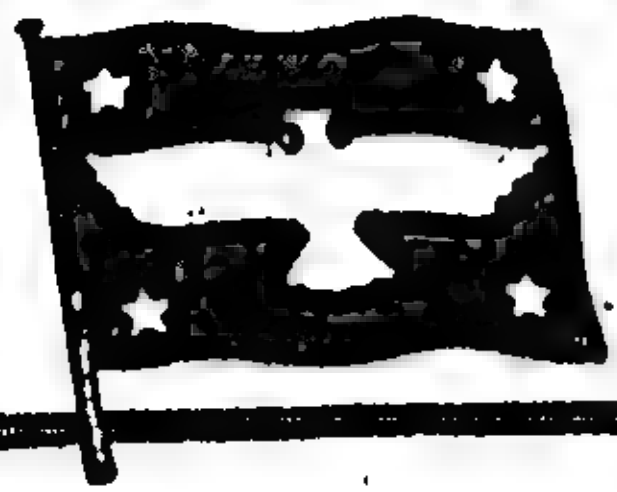
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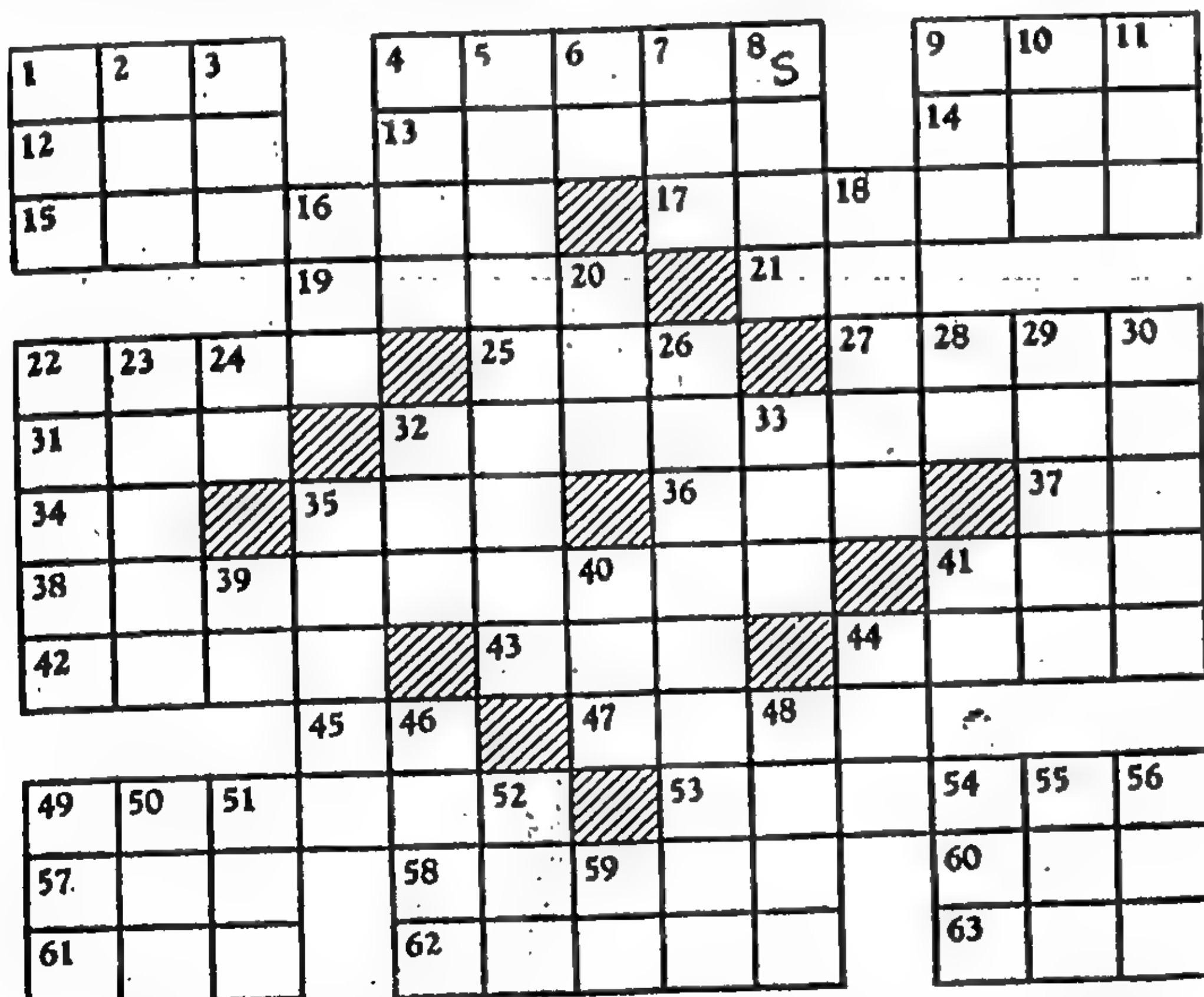
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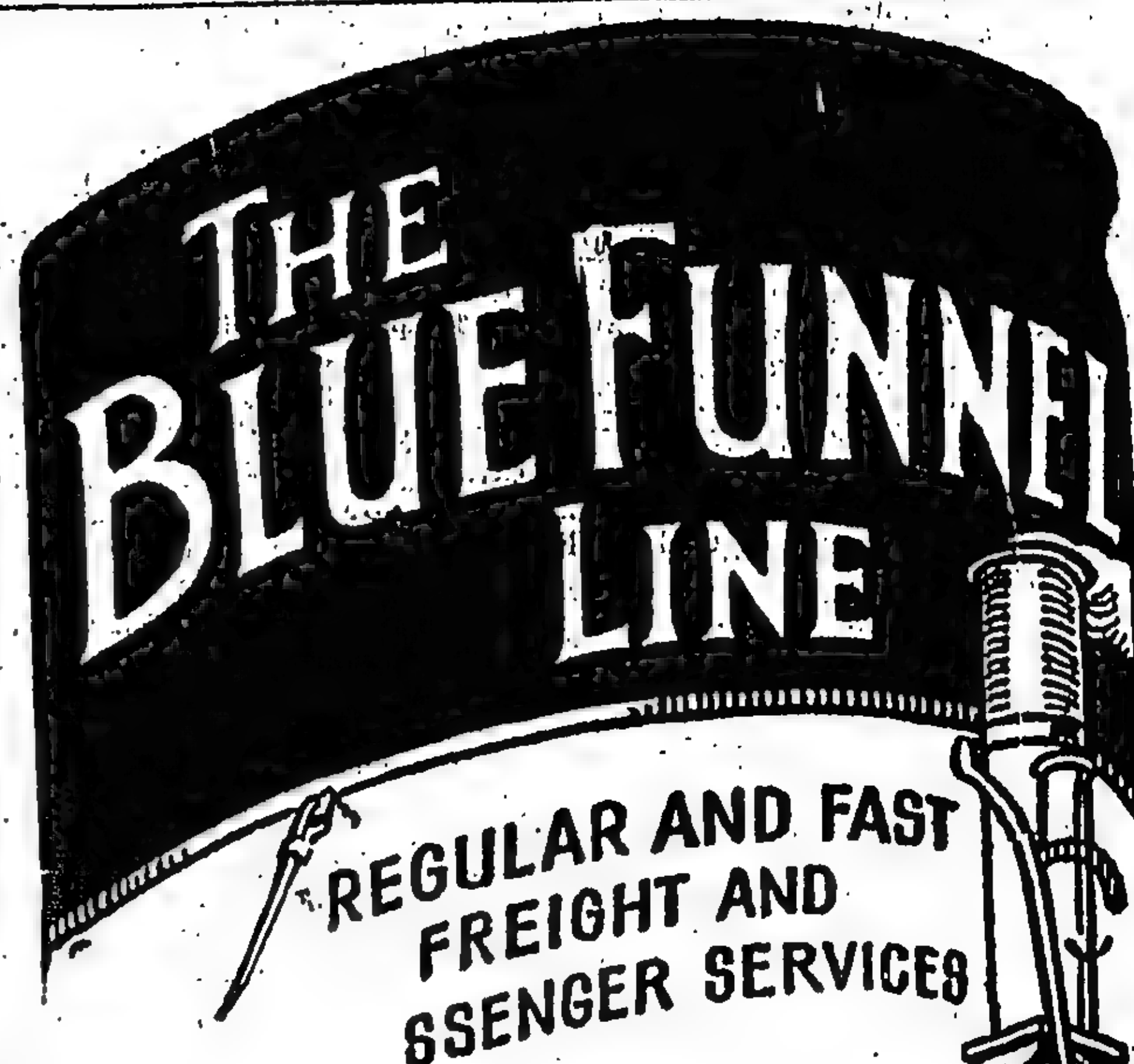
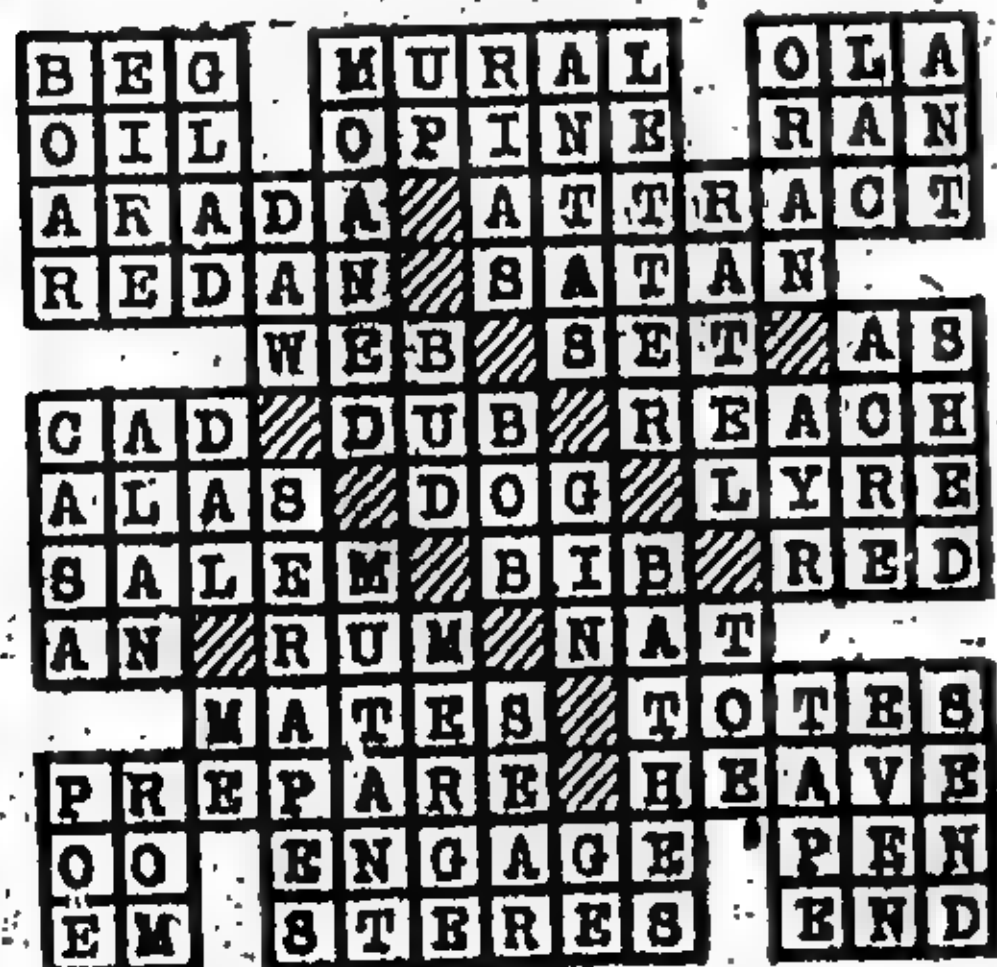
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H.K. Friday 3rd May, 1940.
Promotion Examination—Results:
The following members of No. 1
Company passed a Promotion Exam-
ination held on 19.4.40.

(a) L/Cpl. to Cpl.
Pte. M. F. L. Haymes, Pte. P. Wyn-
ter-Blyth, Pte. G. E. Budden, J.
Hempsey, Pte. H. Burson, L/Cpl. J.
R. Stephen and L/Cpl. P. F. MacCabe.
(b) Cpl. to Sgt.
L/Cpl. R. F. K. Jones and L/Cpl.
G. R. Razavet.

PARADES
(a) Friday 17th May
No parades of any destruction will
take place at H.Q. on this day which
involve the use of the drill hall or
Parade Ground or the drawing of
stores etc.

(b) Corps Artillery
1st Battery:
Tues. 7th May. Belchers. 5.30
p.m. Layers & D.R.F. Class. Dress
—Overalls and S. D. cap.
Wed. 8th May. Belchers. 5.45 p.m.
Lecture by Lt. Squires R.A. Dress—
Overalls and S.D. caps. All ranks
should attend this parade.

Wed. 8th May. Wellington Bar-
racks. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Section.
Mobile Light Training. Dress—Over-
alls and S.D. caps.

Fri. 10th May. Belchers. 5.30 p.m.
Layers and D.R.F. Class. Dress—Over-
alls and S.D. caps.

2nd Battery:
Tues. 7th May. (i) Right Section.
H.Q. 5 p.m. for Bluff Head. All quali-
fied layers and Range Takers. (ii)
Remainder of Right Section and all
recruits. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m.

Wed. 8th May. Scandal Point. 5.30
p.m. Left Section.
Thurs. 9th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
D.E.L. Section.

Dress for all parades—Mufti, over-
alls and S.D. caps will be carried.

3rd Battery:
Mon. 6th May. Belchers Fort. 5.30
p.m. D.R.F. Class. Dress—Overalls
and S.D. caps.

Thurs. 9th May. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. for
Aberdeen Dress—K.D. Jacket, trou-
sers, S.D. cap, web belt, water-bottle
filled, haversack rations will be pro-
vided.

4th Battery:
Tues. 7th May. Queen's Pier. 5.30
p.m. D.E.L. personnel to test lights
at Pakshawan. Dress—Mufti. Over-
alls and S.D. caps to be carried. Water-
bottles (filled). Haversack rations
will be provided.

Fri. 10th May. Queen's Pier for
Pakshawan. 5.30 p.m. Returning about
10 p.m. No. 2 Gun; B. C. Staff;
D.E.L. "A" Relief, Signallers. Dress—
Mufti. Overalls, S.D. caps and gun
platform shoes to be carried. Water-

bottles (filled). Haversack rations will
be provided.

5th A.A. Battery:
Sun. 5th May. Queen's Pier. 9.30
p.m. No. 2 Section. Overalls to be
carried.

Tues. 7th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those
detailed. Lecture by Lt. Col. F. D.
Field, M.C., R.A. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs. 9th May. Queen's Pier. 5.15
p.m. No. 2 Section. Overalls to be
carried.

Thurs. 9th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As
per programme. Dress—Overalls with
webbing equipment less haversack and
water bottle, to be brought on par-
ade.

Field Company Engineers:
Mon. 6th May. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m.
Gas Chamber. All members must at-
tend.

Thurs. 9th May. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m.
Lecture by Lt. Hilton, R.E. "Pontoon
Bridging".

Corps Signals:
Mon. 6th May. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. (i)
Class A—Classification training (ii)
Class B—Signal training (iii) Recruits
—Arms drill—L/Cpl. Whitley.

Fri. 10th May. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. (i)
Class A—Classification training. (ii)
Class B—Wiring Scheme. (iii) Re-
cruits — Arms and Squad drill.

Mobile Column:
Armoured Car Platoon:

Sun. 5th May. Kowloon City Range.
M.G. Part II. For details see para. 6
above.

Fri. 10th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All
Classes. Compass and map reading
mechanism.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon:
Mon. 6th May. Hung Hom. 5.30
p.m. Driving instruction.

Fri. 10th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All
Classes. M.G. instruction (Stoppages).

Sun. 5th May. Kowloon City Range.
See Para. 6 above.

No. 1 Company:
Sun. 5th May. Kowloon City Range.
See para. 6 above.

Tues. 7th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Those detailed only. Completion of
tests.

There will be no parades until Tues-
day May 21st.

No. 2 Company:
Tues. 7th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
N.C.O's. Class. Guard duties. Belt
and frog to be worn.

Thurs. 9th May. (i) No. 6 Platoon.
Kowloon Dock. M.G. and L.G. instruc-
tion. (ii) No. 7 Platoon. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
A Class, Training programme Parade
No. 3. B Class, Training programme
Parade No. 4.

No. 3 Company:
Mon. 6th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Nos. 9, 10 and 12 Platoons. As in
Company Training Programme. No. 11
Platoon. Stripping Component Parts.
N.C.O's. conference.

Thurs. 9th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

As in Company Training Programme.
Those detailed for Kennedy Road
Range, H.Q. 5.15 p.m.

No. 4 Company:
Fri. 10th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Completion of L.G. T.O.E.T. Recruits
—Musketry.

No. 5 Company:
Sun. 5th May. Kowloon City Range.
See para. 6 above.

Tues. 7th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Instruction on Mechanism—Heads 1
to 3 inclusive.

No. 6 Company:
Tues. 7th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Elementary Handling L.G.

No. 7 Company:
Thurs. 9th May. H.Q. 5.45 p.m.
Musketry—Fire Control Orders and
discipline.

Army Service Corps Company:
Thurs. 9th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Whole Company. Lecture. Dress —
Mufti.

Field Ambulance:
Fri. 10th May. St. Paul's College.
5.30 p.m. Lecture.

Pay Section:
Fri. 10th May. Command H.Q.
5.30 p.m. N.C.O's. detailed by O. C.
Unit.

Command:
2878 F/Cadet S. Grove is appointed
2nd-in-Command of the Air Arm
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Appointment & promotions:
Sgt. R. Rathmell, Corps Sigs. to be
C.S.M.—30.4.40.

Sgt. G. F. Walker, Corps Sigs. to be
L/Cpl.—30.4.40.

Sgt. W. J. McConnell, 5th A.A. Bty.
to be B.S.M.—3.5.40.

L/Bdr. G. A. L. Plummer, 5th A.A.
Bty. to be Bdr.—3.5.40.

B.S.M. H. H. Beddow, 5th A.A.
Bty. to be Sgt.—30.4.40.

Strength-Increase:
Gnr. P. T. Raymond, 3rd Bty—
2.5.40.

Gnr. R. Markham, 2nd Bty.—18.4.40.
Pte. F. T. Winterton, Stanley Pl.—
2.5.40.

E. N. Thursby
CAPTAIN,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFFILIATED UNIT
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

Inspection:
There will be an Inspection of the
Detachment by the Hon. Commandant
Mrs. A. E. Grasett on Friday, May
10th at St. John's Cathedral Hall at
5.45 p.m. followed by the presentation
of Proficiency medals and First Aid
Certificates.

All members are requested to attend
not later than 5.20 p.m. Outdoor uni-
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Sgd. Mrs. C. Addis-Martin,
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Lim Nam Student Almost Clears 6 Ft. In High Jump

NEUTRALS TAKE HEART

London, April 16.
Incoming reports show that the first British landings in Norway and the robust naval actions are having a bracing effect in neutral countries. Their newspapers reveal only a small part of what the people are thinking, for in most countries round Germany newspapers have to tread carefully, balancing each good word for the Allies with a compensating word for Germany.

In the Governments and in the streets, however, it is clear that there is fresh heart. Dispatches reaching London yesterday reported a widespread belief, and confidence, that the British and French Governments were not treating Norway as a sideshow, but as a vitally important theatre of war.

Certainly in London it is realised that the urgent tasks of Allied strategy must be, first, to prevent the Germans from establishing air and sea bases on the Norwegian coast, and then to drive them out of the country. On the German side the Norwegian campaign was not thought of as a sideshow; it was to be the basis for nearer and heavier attacks on British ports, warships, and merchant ships — the means, in German minds, of forcing a decision and of bringing the neutrals in on their side.

Swedish eyes are naturally turned anxiously, almost desperately, towards the Allies. Nowhere was the news of the landings more warmly welcomed than in Sweden, according to the reports received yesterday. On the whole it is thought that the Germans are not yet strongly enough established, nor well enough organised, in Denmark to spring an attack on Sweden. The British minefields have also greatly increased the Germans' difficulties. But, if the Swedes dare begin to hope for a respite, their military preparations show that they have no false hopes. Nor do they relax their vigilance.

Information from Holland suggests that the Germans had by last week-end prepared everything for an attack by land, air, sea, and from within. By sea, the landings would have been made by the Trojan Horse tactics used at Narvik. The German apparatus still stands ready. Equally ready are the Dutch, who have rounded up many of the "Fifth Column" saboteurs and half-hearted patriots within the country.

ACCUSED BY WIFE OF PAL

Police alleged at Sheffield that a man went into a house and to a young wife's bedroom, where he assaulted her while her husband lay in another part of the city unconscious following a street fight in which the man had taken part.

The wife said that in the moonlight filtering through the bedroom window she identified the man as one her husband had brought to the house as a friend.

Tom Wilcock, twenty-five, of Woodbourn-road, Sheffield, accused of burglary and assaulting the woman, was remanded in custody.

Detective-Sergeant Crooks said in evidence that the woman, who had two children, complained to the police early in the morning, alleging a criminal assault had been committed on her.

She stated that she was awakened

J. H. ODELL WINS TWO EVENTS

By "SPORTSHAWK"

THREE GOOD MARKS in the field events, all of which may reasonably be claimed as Colony records, were set at Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday when the All-Schools' Athletic meeting was continued in favourable weather.

D. H. Taylor of Police, the V.R.C. swimming champion, put the 16-pound shot 41ft 2in., bettering the mark of 39ft 10½in. set by A. Napoloff at the University sports several years ago, generally considered to be the Colony record. Naranjan Singh also of Police, took second place at 40 ft 9½ in.

A late entry in the Open pole vault, Ma Tak-kwong, competing unattached, cleared the bar at 10 ft 9¾ in. The Colony pole vault record of 11 ft had been claimed for Sgt. W. A. Land, of Royal Engineers, who was here some years ago.

REMARKABLE JUMPING

In the All-Schools "A" Grade high jump, a Lin Nam College student jumped over 5 ft 11-5/8 in. a half of an inch less than the Colony mark of 6 ft claimed by Sgt. Land.

This mark is better than the Inter-School record of 5 ft 7¼ in. set by Wolfgang Yue of St. Stephen's College last Monday. Fong Chi-hon of Wah Yan College, took next place with a jump of 5 ft 8 in., also bettering the Inter-School mark and the Wah Yan College record he set this year of 5 ft 7½ in.

J. H. Odell, formerly of Central British School, scored a double when he took both the 100 and 400 metres; the short distance in 11.3 seconds and the quarter in 55.3 seconds.

The former C.B.S. boy who drew the second lane had to run a hard race against Heung Chi-sang, the C.A.A.F. Champion, who was running in the outside lane. The C.A.A.F. Champion and record holder ran level with the former C.B.S. student right into the final straight, but was most unlucky to be disqualified for cutting in and running out of his lane.

Honours in the Boys' All-School finals yesterday were fairly evenly divided between Lim Nam College and Pui Ying College, while the True Light Girls' College dominated the Girls' events.

The Results

OPEN EVENTS FINALS

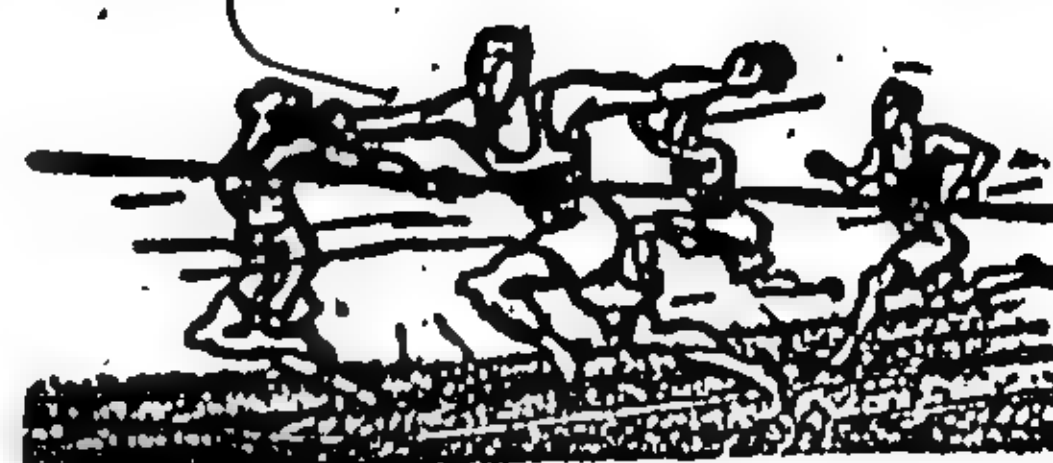
Men's 100 Metres:—1, J. H. Odell; 2, Cheung Nai-hing; 3, Sung Pui. Time 11.3 sec.
Men's 400 Metres:—1, J. H. Odell; 2, Tam Hol-chun; 3, J. Corrigan. Time 55.3 sec.
Ladies' 100 Metres:—1, Miss June Hall; 2, Miss Irene Lopes. Time 13.8 sec.
Men's Shot Put:—1, D. H. Taylor; 2, Na-

by someone opening the back door, land heard the light switch. She thought it was her husband, and went to sleep again.

She was next awakened by a man. He called her by name and she realised it was not her husband. Moonlight was filtering through the window, and as she sat up in bed she identified him as "Tommy," whom her husband had brought to the house as a friend.

During the time of the assault, continued the detective-sergeant, the husband was unconscious in a house at Darnall, a district of Sheffield, as the result of a street fight in which, he alleged, Wilcock had taken part.

When seen by the police the woman was in a distressed condition.



Men's Steps-Hop Jump, A. Grade:—1, 2, and 3, Lim Nam College boys; 4, Lee Kuit-tong (Pui Ying). Distance 11.09 metres.
Men's Shot Put, B. Grade:—1, Wong Chai-yin (Pui Ying); 2, Chow Kam-sung (Pui Ying); 3, Wong Tong-ying (Pui Ying); 4, Chan Yee-fong (Wah Yan). Distance 10.12 metres.

Ladies' Throwing Javelin, A. Grade:—1, Ho Chu-fa (True Light); Ip Mo-chun (Fong Lim); 3, Leung Yu-kuen (True Light); 4, Au Yeung Chu-ping (True Light). Distance 24.80 metres.

Men's Throwing Discus, A. Grade:—1 and 2, Lim Nam College boys; 3, Ma Kuit-long (Pui Ying); 4, Chow Kam-sung (Pui Ying). Distance 28.11 metres.

Ladies' Throwing Baseball, B. Grade:—1, Chan Kam-hwa (True Light); 2, Wong Pui-chun (True Light); 3, Au Yeung Yung-yu (Sau Nam); 4, Kim Yu-chi (Lim Yim). Distance 32.80 metres.

Cheung Chau Sports

The annual sports meeting of the Cheung Chau Government School was held on Thursday.

The Inter-house trophy was won by White House, 76 points, with Green House a close runner-up, 60 points. Tsui Chak-kau (White) won the Senior Individual Championship, James Lam (Green) the Junior Individual Championship and Chu Pak-shui (Red) the Small Boy Championship.

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Variety
Programme

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Frank Titterton (Tenor) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Zampa—Overture (Harold)...New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Beauty's Eyes (Tosti, Weatherley)...Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Fred Hartley & His Quintet.
Spanish Dance No. 1—Oriental (Granados)...New Light Symphony Orchestra.
In An Old Fashioned Town (Squire); My Dear Doul (Sanderson)...Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Piano accompaniment.
"Princess Ida"—Selection (Sullivan)...New Light Symphony Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Variety with Len Green, Dinah Miller and the Mills Brothers.
Vocal—"Long About Midnight (Mills, Hill); Swing Is The Thing (from "Blackbirds of 1938")...The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar).

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1.45 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—They Would Wind Him Up and he would whistle; Slow Fox-Trot—You Never Miss The Old Faces...Jack Payne & His Band.
Fox-Trot—Rosita; Rumba Fox-Trot—The Gaucho Serenade...Ambrose & His Orchestra.
Swing Fox-Trots—Oh! Johnny, Oh! Johnny, Oh! Lying In The Hay...Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swingtette featuring Stephanie Grappelly and Beryl Davis.
Slow Fox-Trot—Careless; Fox-Trot—Seventeen Candles...Ambrose & His Orch.
Fox-Trots—The Lady On The Cameo; Chatterbox (from "That's right, I'm wrong")...Ambrose & His Orch.
2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Brahms.
Waltzes, Op. 39—Nos. 7 to 12...Anatole Kitain (Piano).
Academic Festival Overture, Op. 80...Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.
Ever softer grows my slumber, Op. 105, No. 2; Lullaby, Op. 49, No. 4...Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orch.
Sonata In F Minor, Op. 120, No. 1...Lionel Tertis (Viola) and Harriet Cohen (Piano).
Intermezzo—Op. 117, No. 2...Eileen Joyce (Piano).
6.50 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
Overture "Masaniello" (Auber)...The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.
Le Prophete—Coronation March (Meyerbeer)...Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra cond. by Sir Dan Godfrey.
7.03 p.m.—Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Act 1.
With Corrado Zambelli, Bianca Scacciati, Ida Mannarini, Francesco Merli, Enrico Molinari and Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Harry Roy's Stage Show. Harry Roy & His Orchestra (recorded at the actual performance at The Garrick Theatre, Southampton).
8.17 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
My Darling Waltz (from "The Gipsy Baron"—Strauss)...Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Dr. Leo Blech.
Acceleration—Waltz (Joh. Strauss, arr. Hohné)...Orchestra Mascotte.
8.30 p.m.—Variety with Ken Harvey, Lupino Lane, Gracie Fields, Charlie Kunz and Derickson & Brown.
Vocal & Piano—One Morning In May (Parker & Carmichael); You Oughta Be In Pictures (Heyman & Suesse)...Derickson & Brown.
Comedienne—The Girl In The Alice Blue Gown (Parker); In Me 'Oroscope (Harper-Haines)...Gracie Fields accomp. by Fred Hartley & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Billy Williams' Songs. Intro: Why can't we have the sea in London? Here we go Again...Lupino Lane & His Lambeth Walkers with Orchestra.
Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R.

7. Intro: In a little Gypsy Tea Room; Old Mammy Mine; Anything Goes; Haunting Me; Jump on the Wagon; When Day is Done...Charlie Kunz.
Vocal—Billy Williams' Songs. Intro: When Father Papered the Parious; I wish it were Sunday night to-night...Lupino Lane & His Lambeth Walkers with Orch.
Banjo—A Musical Journey From New York to California. Intro: Give my regards to Broadway; Bye, Bye, Blues; St. Louis Blues; California, here I come. The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise (Seitz)...Ken Harvey with Instrumental Quartet.
Comedienne—They All Make Love But Me (Evans); Life's Desire (Hargreaves)...Gracie Fields with Orchestra.
8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"At the Black Dog". Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Local sport results.
9.32 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"West from Bristol". A Programme devised and produced by Francis Dillon.
10.02 p.m.—Latest Variety.
Humorous Vocal—In The Quartermaster's Stores (Reed & Others); We're All Together Now (film "Gulliver's Travels")...Murgatroyd & Winterbottom with Orchestra.
Swing Music—Give Out (Miller & Others); Yodel In Swing (Hughie Prince—Don Raye)...Sid Phillips Trio with The Greene Sisters.
Short Sketches—The Super-Het (Clayton); A Record Broadcast (Clayton)...Parlophone Sketch Company.
Vocal & Piano—It's A Lovely Day Tomorrow (Berlin); A Small Cafe By Notre Dame (Mills)...Leslie Hutchinson.
Fox-Trot—When You Come To The End Of A Journey...The Organ, The Dance Band & Me With Vocal Refrain.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—"The Revenge". Ballad of the fleet. Words by Tennyson.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"London Log".
11.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—I'm Happy When You're Happy (from "Hide & Seek"); The First Time I Saw You (from "Toast of New York")...Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Fox-Trot—The Way You Look To-night (film "Swing Time"); Waltz—The Waltz In Swing Time (film "Swing Time")...Johnny Green & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Blossoms on Broadway (from the film); I Still Love To Kiss You Goodnight (film "52nd Street")...Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.
Tangos—El Que A Hierro Mata; Siempre Unidos...Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—When April Comes Again; With All My Heart (film "Her Master's Voice")...Jack Payne & His Band.
Swing Step—Stop! You're Breakin' My Heart (film "Artists and Models"); Slow Fox-Trot—Everything You Said Came True...Jack White & His Collegians...Waltz—Dancing In The Firelight...Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
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North-South vulnerable
East-West 60 on score

♠ 10 6 5 4
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ 4
♣ A K Q 9
♠ K Q J
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ J 10
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♠ A 9 3
♥ K Q 6
♦ Q 10 9 7
♣ 8 6 3
♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 2
♦ K J 8 2
♣ 7 5 4 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

We are not sure about the significance of North's double of two hearts except that it was primarily for take-out. Not knowing what to do, South decided to bid spades—a three-card suit. When East went to three hearts, South was only too glad to pass. Now, if North had been content to leave well enough alone, he would almost surely have defeated the three-heart contract. However, he raised to

three spades, and then lightning struck!

West opened the King of spades and continued the suit, East winning the third lead, cashing the King-Queen of hearts and then playing the ten of diamonds. South's Jack forced West's Ace, and now West led a club, thereby freezing the unfortunate Declarer in dummy. He cashed four club tricks and the thirteenth trump, but now had to lead a heart up to the Ace-nine in West's hand, going down four tricks.

As Merwin Maier's partner yesterday you held:

♠ K Q 10
♥ A 10 4 3
♦ 9 7
♣ K 9 7 4

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone You Schenken
1♣ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct response is one heart. This bid should lead the way towards the right final contract. Score 100% for one heart, 70% for three clubs (crowds the bidding a little), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 401

Howard Schenken is your partner and again you hold:

♠ K Q 10
♥ A 10 4 3
♦ 9 7
♣ K 9 7 4

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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TENNIS

VETERAN RUMJAHNS' BRILLIANT COMEBACK

Unexpected Victory Over The Tsui Brothers

SIRDAR DOMINATES COURT THROUGH THREE SETS

By "ADREM"

ONLY ONE result was required to make the year 1940 the most noteworthy in the history of the Colony tennis championships and that was forthcoming yesterday when S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn beat the doubles holders, the Tsui brothers, over five sets for S. A. to complete the "double."

If Sirdar's win on Wednesday was surprising, yesterday's result can only be described as sensational, more especially as during the first two sets, the Rumjahns gave no indication of any form that would win them a single set.

There is little doubt that the hero of the tournament just concluded has been S. A. Rumjahn. Not content with winning the singles crown, which was quite against the book, he carried his cousin through four sets yesterday to give a display that must rank with any during his lengthy career.

In the last three sets he dominated the court, scoring repeatedly with his forehand drive and displaying a touch of tennis genius that was lacking in any of the others.

The final result in favour of the Rumjahns was 4-6, 3-6, 6-3, 8-6, 6-4 and the closing stages of this match proved just as trying to the nerves as the singles final—and that was bad enough!

It was a remarkable achievement on the part of the Rumjahns to win the

brains to remember how to play an attacking stroke.

Although by the third set all Sirdar's strokes were in working order and he was obviously feeling quite sure of himself, I still find it difficult to understand why the Tsuis failed to win the match without having to go further.

H. D. was obviously terribly unhappy. Everything he tried failed. He could not produce an attacking stroke for love or money; he found it extremely difficult to win a service game. But still the Tsuis failed to clinch the issue.

It is possible that they slackened off unconsciously, as they are so apt to do. Whatever it was it cost them the title.

Sirdar was the dominating figure on the court in the third and the fourth sets and any lapses on the part of H. D. were compensated for by the errors that now flowed freely from the rackets of both the Tsuis. Wai-pui was particularly bad overhead and both men made inexplicable errors when in perfect "killing" positions.

TENSE SET

The fourth set proved the most tense of the four. The Rumjahns had a glorious opportunity of taking a 5-2 lead when on Tsui Yan-pui's service, the score was 15-40. They failed to win this game and the Tsuis drew up to 4-all, led at 5-4 and 6-5 but were unable to prevent their opponents from going out at 8-6.

In the final set the Rumjahns were definitely the better pair. H. D. improved out of all recognition and for the first time during the match was able to adopt the initiative. His drive became surer, his volley crisper, and he developed punch overhead. Even better, he held his service. At this stage the Rumjahns kept their mistakes down to a minimum, whereas the Tsuis were still falling down on the simplest of shots.

Amid great excitement, Sirdar served in the last game and once again, as he had done throughout, the four previous sets, won it for game, match, and another championship.

It has undoubtedly been Sirdar's year. To have come back at his age, after having to admit the superiority of the Tsuis for so long, is a remarkable achievement and one worthy of his fine record in Hong Kong sport.

1940 TENNIS HONOURS LIST

Colony Championship—S. A. Rumjahn.
Colony Doubles Championship—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.
Club Championship—M. Pugh.
Club Handicap—M. Pugh (—30.3).
Club Handicap Doubles—B. O'M. Deane and N. Spence (—4.6).
Club Mixed Doubles Handicap—T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15).

BRILLIANT RECORD

The Rumjahn cousins have a remarkable record in the Colony doubles event. Their first success as a team in 1925, started a run of success which was not broken until 11 years later, when they lost the title to their opponents of yesterday.

With Tsui Wai-pui in Europe in 1937, they scored another success but the Tsuis regained the title in 1938 and retained it last year.

H. D. has also won the championship with O. Rumjahn.

match after dropping the first two sets. In their heyday this was quite a common occurrence but now that they are both in the veteran stage, it is even more than remarkable.

Like the singles final, I cannot say that the tennis ever reached a very high standard with the possible exception of the final set. In the other four, at no stage did all four players touch their best form at the same time, consequently the rallies were not as long as might have been expected.

RUMJAHNS OUTCLASSSED

If anyone had offered me odds of 10 to 1 on the Tsuis after the first two sets, I should not have dreamed of taking them. The Rumjahns in every phase of the game were outclassed; the Tsuis did literally as they liked.

At the net they were unpassable. Overhead they scored winners at will. When their opponents attempted to adopt the initiative they tossed up perfect lobs. It is not surprising therefore that the Rumjahns were made to look very inferior more so as H. D. could not get going, and S. A., evidently feeling the effects of his efforts on Wednesday, had to rack his

"SKIP'S" FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION

Club de Recreio "A"	(58)	v	Craigengower	(51)
Kowloon B.G.C.	(67)	v	Kowloon C.C.	(52)
Civil Service	(69)	v	Indian R.C.	(38)
Club de Recreio "B"	(—)	v	*Hong Kong F.C.	(—)
Kowloon Dock R.C.	(—)	v	Police R.C.	(—)

SECOND DIVISION

Craigengower	(67)	v	Taikoo Club	(52)
Kowloon Tong	(70)	v	Kowloon B.G.C.	(53)
Police R.C.	(55)	v	Kowloon F.C.	(72)
*Hong Kong C.C.	(—)	v	*Club de Recreio	(—)
*Kowloon C.C.	(—)	v	Civil Service	(—)

THIRD DIVISION

Kowloon F.C.	(—)	v	*Indian R.C.	(—)
H.K. Electric	(—)	v	*Hong Kong C.C.	(—)
Prison Officers	(70)	v	Hong Kong F.C.	(68)
Kowloon B.G.C.	(61)	v	Craigengower	(58)

Figures in brackets denote the result of the corresponding game last year.
* Newcomers to this division.

LAWN BOWLS

CHAMPIONS SHOULD BEAT CRAIGENGOWER

By "Skip"

AT HALF PAST THREE to-day no fewer than 336 men will be on the various bowling greens in the Colony ready to initiate the 1940 season.

Ours is essentially a social game and no matter how the score is going or how we are playing, there is little to prevent a good time being had by all concerned; or should I have said by nearly all, for some bowlers play as if their whole life depended on the wood's ultimate destination. The more jovial of us, however, can afford to ignore these, though their attitude may be a little embarrassing at times!

The big attraction in to-day's programme is the match between Club de Recreio, champions for the last three years, and Craigengower.

The former were unbeaten last year and have in fact won their last 28 matches. The Valleyites have been practising assiduously during the last week or two.

Breaking even for four seasons up to last season, the Portuguese team gained the ascendancy by their two victories, the larger of which, be it noted at the Valley. The Craigengower team is experimental to a certain extent and I do not think it will be strong enough to hold the King's Park team.

EVEN GAME

More even should be the game between those friendly rivals Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Kowloon Cricket Club, on the former's rinks. Each won its home match last season and I think a repetition of this may well occur this year.

Civil Servants will find the Indians rather below strength and with home green advantage look sure of the points.

Club de Recreio have a difficult task against the Hong Kong Footballers but

may just about pull it off. Kowloon Dock ought to beat the Police, I think.

SECOND DIVISION

There should be quite a needle match at Craigengower where Taikoo will provide the opposition. These two teams finished second and third in this division last season, the former having the edge, and I only tip the Valley team on account of the advantage which their green should give them.

Kowloon Tong defeated Kowloon Bowling Green Club last season but with the latter's players all out to vindicate their selection, I think they may just win this time.

Another visiting winner should be Kowloon Football Club, who will be opposed to a weakish Police team.

Cricket Club would no doubt like to commence with a win but I fancy the Club de Recreio boys will prove too strong for them. An old Shanghai player in Joe Prentice is turning out for the Cricketers and this left-hander will prove a more than useful man to Archbutt.

K.C.C. should have little difficulty in overcoming the Civil Servants who, apart from the skips, have little experience.

THIRD DIVISION

It will be interesting to all to note how the Indians fare in their first match: it would have been more encouraging for them to have played their opening game at home but the venue has been altered so as to allow the junior cricket championship to be settled. I think Kowloon Football Club should win this game as should the other home clubs in this division.

SAPPERS SHOW SOME PROMISE

(By "GRANDSTAND")

In a four inning game at Murray parade ground on Thursday the bluejackets from U.S.S. Mindanao walloped the Sappers 21-6.

Although the Minny boys practically had their own way throughout the tilt, the R.E.'s put up a stiff fight and are learning fast the rudiments of the American pastime. The Sappers are keen as mustard with the new sport they are taking up and are showing a lot of promise both in the field and the stick in their practice games. They are entering a squad in the forthcoming baseball season—not to cop the pennant perhaps but to gain experience and learn more about the game.

The Mindanao aggregation on the other hand are in tiptop form raring to go when the season starts on the 18th of this month. The Mindanaomen have been in training all winter playing softball and it did not take long for them to get in form with a snap of a new pair of garters.

KEPLINGER'S PITCHING

Third string chucker Keplinger was on the mound for Mindanao and his slow curves were good enough to

strike out six R.E.'s; he was only touched for four hits. Denyer and Sarfield took turns on the hillock for Royal Engineers. They fanned one apiece. Denyer walked one while Sarfield issued three free passes against Keplinger's five. The American sailors nicked Denyer for 10 hits and 12 off Sarfield.

The fray started off with Mindanao counting for two markers in the initial frame. In their turn to bat Royal Engineers replied with no less than four runs to take a lead which was short-lived.

The Minnys rallied with seven tallies in the second stanza on the same number of hits to jump ahead 9-4. The Sappers could only push across one run in the second and another in the third, while Mindanao continued with their batting spree, crossing the pan six times in the third and six more in the fourth on 12 solid blows.

Some heavy hitting was witnessed in the struggle. Highpockets Wilson, Badrick and Red Todd clouted one home run each. Todd and Keplinger both tripled while Wilson, "Horseface" Douglas, Todd, Keplinger, Shaw and Holden were all good for one two-bagger apiece. Red Todd took batting honours with a homer, a triple and a two-ply clout.

	R.	H.	E.
Mindanao	276	6—21	22 2
R.E.	411	0—6	8 4

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

To-morrow at 10:30 a.m. U.S.S. Ashville will cross bats with a local Chinese combination at the Caroline Hill ground. Some time in the afternoon U.S.S. Mindanao will tangle with Chinese Baseball Club in a friendly game. The venue of the latter has not been definitely decided but in all probability will be Caroline Hill Naval ground.

UPSET IN THOUSAND GUINEAS

London, To-day.—At Newmarket, Mr. Esmond Harmsworth's Godiva surprisingly outclassed the odds on favourite, Lord Astor's Golden Penny, by five lengths in the Thousand Guineas Fillies classic. Sir Malcolm McAlpine's Allure was third, four lengths behind.

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COTTON WINS MAJOR PRO. TOURNEY

London, To-day. — At Richmond, Henry Cotton beat Alfred Padgham at the 37th. hole in the final of the "News of the World" golf championship which is virtually the professional match-play championship.

Sixty-four players qualified for the match-play stages last September when the outbreak of war prevented further play.—Reuter.

season—was considering running her in the derby against Djebel instead of in the Oaks, but this is now unlikely.

Drawn inside, Godiva, ridden by apprentice Marks, was well placed with the leaders, until two furlongs from home, when it raced in front and won easily, covering the mile in 1 min., 40-3/5 secs., which is two seconds faster than Djebel over the same distance.

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The premises include—

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All the generating stations and sub-stations of the Hong Kong Electric Company and the China Light and Power Company;

The A.P.C. installations at North Point and Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon.

The Texas installation at Tsun Wan;

All waterworks;

The wharves and godowns of the H. K. Wharf and Godown Company and Holt's Wharf.

The Wireless Telegraph Stations at—

(1) Cape D'Aguilar, Hong Kong—the whole of the area bounded by the fences and the sea;

(2) Victoria Peak—the buildings and the whole area within 50 yards of the aerial masts and aerials;

(3) Hung Hom, Kowloon, on the eastern side of Chatham Road—the whole of the fenced-in area buildings.

The Broadcasting Studios on the 2nd floor of Gloucester Building, Des

AMERICAN SHIP RAKED BY MACHINE-GUNS

New York, To-day.

A British bomber raked the decks of the American steamer Flying Fish with machine-gun fire during the Anglo-German battle in Bergen harbour, Captain Wollaston and the crew declared on arrival here yesterday.

The British pilot, they said, probably did not see the American flag which the steamer was flying.

They reported the American freighter Charles McCormick was also sprayed with bullets, which severed the mast stays and wire rigging.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

A total of 4,494 military planes participated in the May Day celebrations throughout Russia on Wednesday.—Reuter.

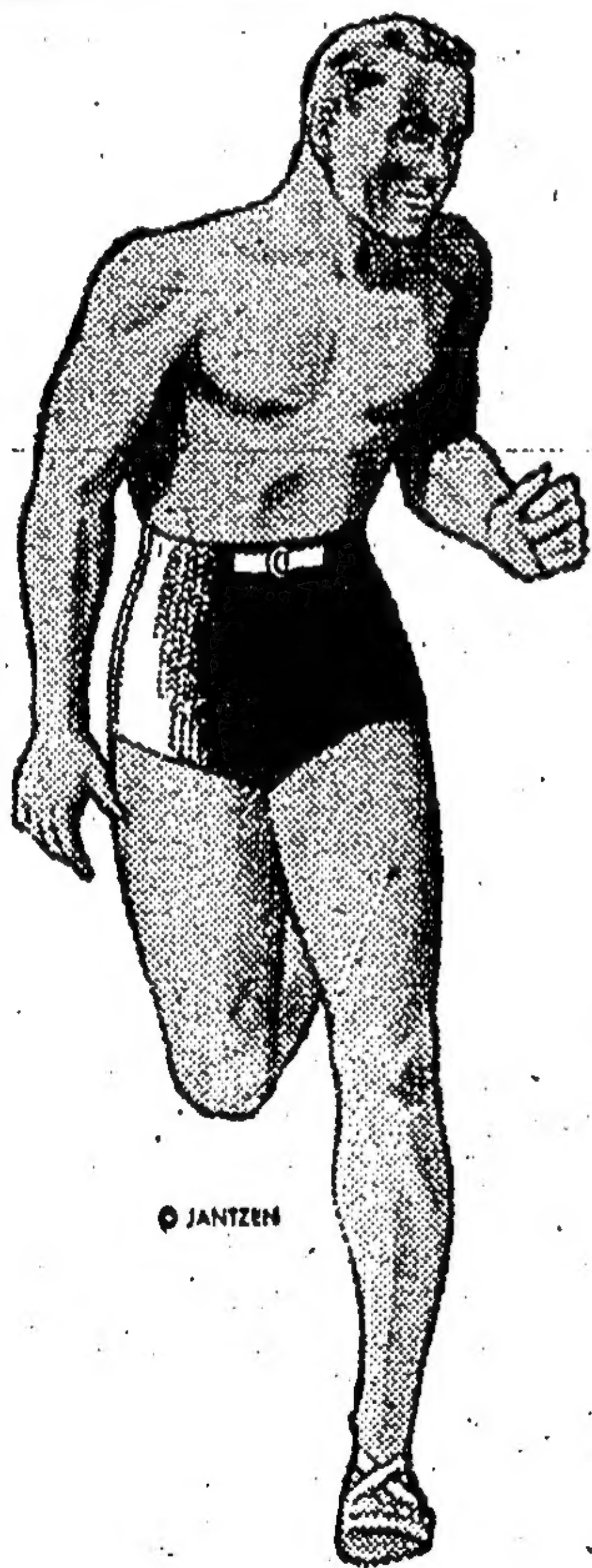
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